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Bentley Gleanings

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Family of John Witherstine

Bentley Family Gleanings

During the year 1903 I was asked by Mrs. Joseph Sheaff of Holcomb, Ill., to assist her in tracing her Revolutionary forefathers, as she was desirous of joining Society of Colonial Dames—if possible.

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Of the line of Bentley I have never gotten further than Wm.; born ?; m. Elizabeth Enos—as first wife—at Richmond, R. I., 1 April, 1778. Who were his parents is yet a query. He later resided and died in Canaan, Columbia Co. He had brothers Niles and Noah.

This search brought me into correspondence with the families of Morey, Enos, Witherstine and other allied families—who are often mentioned in this work.

I have spent much time in study of Albany Co., N. Y., as I am of the opinion that the ancestors of nearly every Bentley descendant with whom I have corresponded, in N. Y. State, Vermont and in the Western States, migrated about the time of the Revolutionary war, or soon after, from R. I. to Albany Co., N. Y.

Hough's Gazetteer of N. Y. State tells us "upon the organization of the Province of N. Y. into counties 1 Nov., 1683, the names given were those of the titles of the Royal family, and that of Albany (formed at this date) was from the Scotch title of Duke of York."

The county by these acts embraced "the Manor of

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Rensselaerwyck, Schenectady and all the villages, neighborhoods and Christian plantations on the East side of the Hudson River—at one time it comprised all of Vermont."

In 1772 Tryon and Charlotte counties were taken off—their names changed in 1784 to Montgomery and Washington counties.

In 1786, Columbia county was taken off.

In 1791, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties.

In 1800, a part of Greene Co.

In 1809, Schenectady Co. was taken off, bringing down the county to its present limits.

The Manor of Rensselaerwyck was formed into a District 24 March, 1772, and during the revolution it was divided into East and West districts. It was the only colony which remained uninjured by the war. As a consequence, the population generally prospered and many farms were taken up."

You will see that almost all of the Bentley ancestors of those interested in this work were residents of some one of the counties set off from Albany Co.

The Bentleys are an old English family. In Burke's Armory, there are fourteen families: the arms varied. The family is also, sometimes Benly, Bentt; or Binley. In Burke's Commoner's he has, "John Evans, settler in Ireland and was living in Limerick in and before 1628. His daughter Deborah married John Bentley, Esq., of Broadford, in the County of Clare."

Hotten's Emigrants to America, gives "Wm. Bentley came to America (Virginia) 1624."

Emigrants to America, gives "Mary Bentley came from London to New England in the "Defence" in July, 1635."

New England Register, Vol. 5, gives, "Jo Bentley, aged 34, came to Virginia in the "Alice", from London

in July, 1635." "Abram Bentley, aged 20, came in the "Globe" of London in Aug., 1635."

Savage Genealogical Notes, gives "Wm Bentley came to Boston in the ship "Truelove" in Sept., 1635, aged 47 years, with John, aged 17, and Alice, aged 15."

N. E. Gen'l and His'l Register gives, "Wm. Bentley came to New England in the "Arabella", May, 1761."

The Bentleys from whom my correspondents descend migrated from England to Rhode Island at an early day. Wm. Bentley whose wife was Sarah Leithfield was at Kingston, R. I. (1679). Thomas Jr. and James—thought to be brothers of Dr. Richard Bentley (the famous English Divine) came to R. I. about 1720. The R. I. Bentleys mostly belonged to the Seventh Day Baptist Church, but some of them were loyal Methodists.

These R. I. Bentleys drifted into New York state and Conn. and from these states into Ohio and Penn. Today their descendents have representation in nearly every state in the Union.

My work is not a genealogy. I have been asked to publish what I have secured, as it will greatly assist the many who are making Bentley genealogical search. Permission was kindly given me by my correspondents, and in addition I give records, land titles and general search work that I have secured, at considerable expense. Tradition, records and family history as given by different members of the family several times contradict one another, but, I supply the supposition,—you are to prove or disprove it,—according to your Bentley knowledge. I solicit correspondence with any Bentley descendant who can give me further information, or, who wish any information from me, I will be pleased to answer any questions.

Abbreviations m. and d. and b. stand for married, born and died (dau. for daughter).

I have made extensive search for some record of the family of John Bentley, who, according to R. I. records was of Kingston and m. Elizabeth Gardner 30 May 1727, but have no proof of any success. Richmond, R. I., records give to John and Elizabeth Bentley, not giving maiden name of wife, the following children:

"Benedict, born 1 Jan'y, 1741 (14 years after the marriage of John to Elizabeth Gardner).

Gardner, b. 1 Oct., 1744.

Susannah, b. 1 Jan'y, 1750.

Lucy b. 15 Nov., 1752.

Niles b. 6 Dec., 1754.

William b. 15 Feb'y, 1757.

In the family—whose parentage I seek, were sons —Niles, Wm., and Noah. No sisters ever grew to womanhood. (See the letter from Miss Ellen Bacon, of Fredonia, N. Y., her mother (living 1905) a dau. of Noah. I assume that Niles b. 6 Dec. 1754 and Wm., his brother, and Tabatha, born after Wm. and Noah born later, whose mother probably died soon after the birth of Noah, are of the family in which I am interested. I have corresponded with the Gardner genealogist, who has published and compiled the Hazards of R. I.—a wonderfully bright woman of Wakefield, R. I., her name Mrs. Caroline E. Robinson.

She has given me the following valuable information:

FROM NORTH KINGSTON LAND EVIDENCES.

(1716). "George Gardner, for and in consideration of the (burned off) I did bear unto my eldest son Geo. (burned off) and in that his memory may not be cut (burned off) among his brethren but that his posterity in (——) a competent position with the rest of my (——) the natural affection which I have for my gr (——) Elizabeth Gardner, the only child of my before sa (——)

descendant, and hereunto his Estate with al (——) give, grant and bequeath unto said orphan (——) Elizabeth Gardner, all that land(——) that the said deceased father (——) being one hundred acres. To be in the use of me, her grandfather until said Elizabeth shall be eighteen years of age, which will be in the year of 1726, the tenth day of May, etc., etc..

Witnesses, Nicholas Gardner, Samuel Littlefield, Nathaniel Niles (Nahtaniel Niles was son-in-aw to Geo. Gardner (C. E. R.)

Oct. 26, 1730, John Bentley and wife, Elizabeth, sells the above land to Isaac Gardner, calling it —— land wife's grandfather gave to said wife.

If Elizabeth (Gardner) Bentley had children, there ought to have been a George for her father and grandfather, and Elizabeth for herself and a John for her husband, also a Caleb as Caleb is a Gardner name in many lines.

The names Benedict, Niles, Susannah and Noah are not Gardner names.

Could John Bentley have come into the Niles family? for where one sees the name of Niles as a given name one may be certain there was a Niles marriage.

The Niles family was a prominent family two hundred years ago in Rhode Island. The village of Wakefield, a large and prosperous place, is all on land once owned by the Niles. They were large land owners.

Job [4] Gardner was the son of Nathaniel [3] (Benoni [2], George [1]) while your George [3] was the son of George [2] (George [1]) Benoni [2] and George [2] being brothers."

Nathaniel Niles who m. an aunt of Elizabeth (Gardner) Bentley, had a farm given him by his father—in Groton.

Perhaps you can there find some descendant who can give you assistance."

Query—Who were the parents of Niles, William and Noah Bentley? and who are the descendants of John and Elizabeth (Gardner) Bentley.

BY MRS. J. H. L.

"Wm. Bentley, Sr., of Kingstown, R. I., m. Sarah Leithfield, had:

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1, John, m. Mary Miles. 2, Geo., m. Jane Carson. 3, Caleb, m. ——. 4, Ezekiel. 5, Elizabeth, m. Nathaniel Potter, 30 May, 1727. 6, Tabitha, m. Thos. Sweet (Capt. Benoni) 11 April, 1728. 7, Ruhama, m. James James, 28 May, 1738; had sons James and William. William m. Elizabeth Sabin; James m. Deborah Tefft and had a dau. Sally who m. Perry Miller. 8. Mary, m. ——? James.

(By second wife, Bathsheba Lewis):

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II. James, m. (1) Dorothy Albro; (2) Hannah.

III. Thomas, m. 6 Jan'y, 1708, Elizabeth Chamberlain.

IV. Benjamin, d. 1744, m. —— Rathbone.

V. Jane, m. 6 Jan'y, 1700, John Wightman."

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"To grand-daughter, Dorothy Bentley, dau of my son Samuel, 16s."

"Samuel Albro was b. in 1644 and d. 17 April, 1739. He m. Isabel Lawton, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hazard) Lawton. This marriage brought him into relations with two of the very oldest and most respected of Rhode Island families.

He lived at Portsmouth and North Kingston, R. I."

RHODE ISLAND RECORDS.

"John Bentley of South Kingston m. Elizabeth Gardner, 30 May, 1727.

Geo. Bentley of South Kingston, m. Ruth Barber, 4 March, 1723 or 4.

George Bentley, Jr., of N. Stonington, Conn., late of Westerly, R. I., m. Amy Carter, 27 June, 1751.

Stephen Lee of Lebanon, Conn., m. Mercy Bentley, 20 May, 1725.

Charles Bentley of Norwich, Conn., m. Phebe Pember, 2 Sept., 1784.

Eleazer Bentley of Norwich, Conn., m. Elizabeth Edgerton, 14 Feb'y, 1788.

James Bentley, East Greenwich, R. I., and Sally Johnson, of Providence, m. 25 Nov., 1790."

"Among the list of settlers brought from Newport, R. I., to Falmouth, Nova Scotia, in the sloop "Sally" in May, 1760:

Samuel Bentley, family of two. Had in money £2 10 shillings.

In 1761 among the names of the grantees of the town of Newport, N. S., is Samuel Bentley.

On 30 Dec., 1772, among the names of Inventory

of Estates in township of Nova Scotia, we find Samuel and William Bentley.

On 1 June, 1762, Samuel sold property in Newport, N. S."

"Samuel Bentley and Sarah Baker m. by Dr. McSparron at his home at North Kingston, R. I., 23 April, 1730.

Wm. Bentley and Rachel Nichols m. 31 Dec., 1752, by Dr. McS. at N. Kingston.

Caleb Bentley of East Greenwich m. Martha Foster. dau. of Thos. Foster of Warwick, 14 June, 1761.

Benj. Bentley and Barbara Pearce; both of E. Greenwith, 21 Nov., 1761, m. at Warwick.

Thos. Bentley (Caleb) of Warwick and Catherine Boyd of E. Greenwich, 20 Sept., 1797, married.

Annie J. Bentley (aged 16 years) dau. of James P. and Maria Austin Bentley of Westerly, m. David S. Langworthy of Stonington, Conn.

George Richard Bentley (aged 21 y.) born and of Stonington, son of James and Maria A. Bentley, m. Ida Josephine Holmes.

Nancy Bentley and Isaac Stall m. at Newport, R. I., 16 Oct., 1798.

Thomas Bentley of New Shoreham, R. I., m. Elizabeth Bargain, 17 Sept., 1741.

Rev. Wm. Bentley, pastor of East Church, died suddenly at Salem, Mass, 29 Dec., 1819.

Amy, wife of Wm. Bentley, d. at Exter in her 56th year, 1 Sept., 1825.

Nancy, wife of Jacob Bentley and dau. of Gideon Northrup of N. Kingston—aged 70 years, at Pittsfield, Mass., 3 Oct., 1825.

Phebe, wife of Christopher Bentley, in her 37th year, d. 5 July, 1826.

Thomas Bentley, 22 years old, at Providence, 29 Oct., 1828.

Mrs. Lucy Elizabeth, wife of Lamont Bacon and only child of Capt. Christopher Bentley of Providence, died at Stockbridge, Mass., aged 24, 17 Jan'y, 1820.

Wm. Bentley, Jr.; James Bentley; Thomas Bentley, all of Kingston, R. I., were made freemen of the colony, 6 May, 1712.

Thomas Bentley of Kingston, made freeman, 1 May, 1718.

Lawrence Bentley, of Newport, made freeman 30 April, 1734."

FROM HOPKINTON RECORDS.

"Billings Burch m. Susannah Bentley, dau. of John and Elizabeth, of Richmond, 1771."

VITAL RECORDS OF RHODE ISLAND.

"Bathsheba Bentley, 1740, member of Sabbatharian Church of Hopkington, R. I.

Elizabeth, wife of Nathan Bentley, was member of same church before 1750.

Page 47, Burials of Kings Church (now St. John's) Providence, R. I., "Bentley ——, wife of Capt., 15 Sept., 1793."

P. 287, List of those who signed the covenant, 31 March, 1770, Mary and Thomas Bentley (deceased).

P. 306. Thomas Bentley (Caleb of Exeter and Abigail Wilbur (Sam'l of Richmond) 17 Sept., 1769.

Baptised at St. John's church, children of Wm. Bentley (saddler): John, 13 March, 1757; Sarah, 5 Oct., 1762; Agrippa, 17 July, 1763."

"John Bentley of Richmond, m. Mary Cottrell of Westerly, 21 Dec., 1749.

Wm. Bentley m. Abigail Milleman, both of Richmond, 21 April, 1754.

Wm. Bentley m. Elizabeth Enos, both of Richmond, 1 April, 1778.

Born at Richmond, to Wm. and Bathsheba Bentley, James, 6 June, 1739.

Born at Richmond to Wm. and Bathsheba Bentley, Greene, 23 March, 1741.

Born at Richmond to Wm. and Bathsheba Bentley, Benjamin, 20 June, 1758.

Born at Richmond to John and Elizabeth Bentley:

1. Benedict, b. 1 Jan'y, 1741.
2. Gardner, b. 1 Oct., 1744.
3. Susannah, b. 1 Jan'y, 1750.
4. Lucy, b. 15 Nov., 1752.
5. Niles, b. 6 Dec., 1754.
6. William, b. 16 Feb'y, 1757.

Born at Richmond to William and Abigail Bentley:

1. Sarah, b. 5 Feb'y, 1755.
2. Thomas, b. 5 May, 1757.
3. Elisha, b. 21 Oct., 1759.
4. Anna, b. 26 July, 1762.

FROM SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, RICHMOND, R. I.

Wm. Bentley received letter to South Kingston Church, 23 July, 1776.

(Evidently he returned to Richmond, for 13 Aug., 1786, he received letter from S. Kingston Church.)

William (son of Caleb) was received 17 Oct., 1779, also Elizabeth and Sarah.

William, son of John, received 21 Oct., 1780.

Sarah, received by letter from Second Baptist Church of Westerly, 12 May, 1804.

Benjamin W. d. 27 Feb'y, 1894.

Hannah, d. 11 Oct., 1868.

George M. d. 24 June, 1869.

Benjamin P. d. 30 March, 1869.

Benjamin Courtland and Mary P.

These six were members of Pacatuck Sabbatharian Church (near Westerly).

William B., son of John, of Richmond, 14 Nov., 1773."

COPIED FROM LAND EVIDENCE BOOK, NO. 2, PAGE 1, TOWN OF RICHMOND, R. I.

"These may certify unto all Persons whome it may Consaren that Ezekiel Bentley & Alice Sabans of Richmond in Kings County Ware Joyned Together in Marriage according to ye Laws of this Colony on ye 16th day of September A. D. 1765.

by me Thomas Lillibridge
Justice of ye Peace.

Entered upon Record ye 4th
day of June A. D. 1765.
pr. J. Webster
T. Clark"

SOUTH KINGSTON, R. I. RECORDS.

Martha Adams, dau. of Ebenezer and Sarah m. Samuel Bentley, son of Caleb and Anna, 15 Nov., 1798.

Elizabeth Bentley m. Nathaniel Potter, b. 1700, 1 May, 1727, son of Thomas and Susannah (Tripp) Potter and grandson of Ichabod and Martha (Hazard) Potter.

Tabitha Bentley m. Thomas Sweet, 11 April, 1728.

Bathsheba Bentley of Richmond m. John Bissell of N. Kingston, 29 March, 1761.

Elizabeth Bentley m. Reward Tabor, 6 Nov., 1763.

Dorcas Bentley m. Josiah Sherman, 15 Dec., 1763.

Susan Ann Bentley of S. Kingston m. Daniel Champlain of Providence, 11 Dec., 1842.

William and Thomas and James Bentley were among the list of freemen belonging to the town of Kingston, 21 Dec., 1696.

John S. Jennison, son of Peter of Hartford, Conn., m. Ruth Bentley, dau. of Gardner Bentley, of Smithfield, 5 June, 1845."

FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF KINGSTON, R. I.

"Caleb Bentley married Dorcas Gould, 21 Jan'y, 1738.

Elizabeth Bentley m. Nathaniel Potter, 30 May, 1727.

Tabitha Bentley m. Thomas Sweet, 11 April, 1728.

Ruhama Bentley m. James James, 28 May, 1738."

EAST GREENWICH BIRTHS.

"To William and Mary Bentley, Christopher, b. 11 ——, 1734; William, b. 22 March, 1736; Lucy ——?.

To Caleb and Martha Bentley, Colonel, b. 1765; Arns, Elizabeth and Benjamin, b. 1772.

FROM WESTERLY, R. I., RECORDS.

"Wm. Bentley m. Bathsheba Lewis, 1 Aug., 1734.

Born to William and Bathsheba Bentley, William, b. 29 May, 1735.

April, 1706, Wm. Bentley has liberty granted from this town (Wickford) to set up a house convenient for the carrying on of his currying trade.

29 July 1679, Wm. Bentley is among the signers of a petition to the inhabitants of Narraganset.

John and William Bentley were freemen of Westerly town, before 1727."

FROM REV. MAC SPARRON'S DIARY. (Rector of St. Paul's Church, Narragansett, R. I.

"Wm. Bentley (a tailor) belonging to St. Paul's parinsh had three children baptized 24 June, 1774, viz.: William, James and Amelia.

Thos. Sweet was the third son of Capt. Benonia Sweet of N. Kingston. He was b. in Aug., 1703, and m. Tabitha Bentley, 9 Feb'y, 1743 or 4.

1 Oct., 1751, Benjamin Baker, brother of Wm. Bentley's (tailor) wife, was drowned."

FROM NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL REGISTER.

"Jane Bentley m. George, son of John Wightman, 6 Jan'y, 1700, in Kingston. Her father, Wm. Bentley, was a resident of Narragansett, 29 July, 1679.

FROM PROVIDENCE, R. I., GAZETTE.

"Thomas Bentley, late of Newport, in his 60th year, died at Providence, 8 March, 1777.

Sarah, wife of Capt. James Bentley, in her 25th year, d. 21 Sept., 1793.

Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Christopher Bentley, late of Providence, died at Woodstock, Conn., 24 July, 1807.

Nathaniel Bentley of Newport, aged 26, d. at sea on passage from Havana, 14 July, 1809.

Mrs. Mary, widow of Capt. Wm. Bentley of East Greenwich, d. in Providence in her 87th year, 11 Aug., 1815.

Capt. Christopher Bentley d. in Providence, aged 64, (a well known sea captain from this port), 4 July, 1818.

FROM WASHINGTON, R. I., COUNTY HISTORY.

"Geo. Potter, b. 13 July, 1807, at Newport, m. 1 June, 1828. Hannah Bentley, dau. of Benjamin P. Bentley of Westerly. She died before 26 Oct., 1843. Resided at Philadelphia.

Mary Potter, b. 28 Feb'y, 1809, at Newport, m. 1 Jan'y, 1838, Benj. Wilbur Bentley, son of Benj. P. Bentley. Children:

George Maxon Bentley, b. 10 April, 1839, d. 24 June, 1868.

Benj. Cortland, b. 2 May, 1841.

Hannah Maria, b. 9 Feb'y, 1845.

Mary Elizabeth, b. 31 March, 1850.

Emily Fenner, b. 31 Dec., 1852.

FROM CENSUS REPORTS OF TOWN OF RICHMOND, 1774, IS GIVEN:

John Bentley with a family of nine persons.

Ezekiel Bentley with a family of five persons.
Wm. Bentley, with a family of ten persons.

FROM CIVIL AND MILITARY LIST OF RHODE ISLAND IN 1647 - 1800.

[Compiled from Records by Jos. Jucks Smille.]

East Greenwich Cos.: Ensign Benj. Bentley, 1 June, 1730. Benj. Bentley, Lieut, 1759-60-1-98.

Charlestown Cos.: Lieutant John Bentley, May, 1745.

East Greenwich Cos.; Ensign Wm. Bentley, May, 1755.

East Greenwich Cos.; 2nd Lieut David Bentley in Col. Jos. Stanton's Reg't. Dec. 1776.

Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Wm. Bentley of Newport, May, 1778.

John Bentley, private Col. Angell's Reg't, 1779-1.

Wm. Bentley, private Col. Elliott's Reg't, 1776.

Also names of Peter, Mingo, Joseph and Arnold."

FROM HISTORY OF ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK STATE.

"Wm. Bentley was Supervisor of the town of Westerlo in 1838.

Geo. H. Bentley was Supervisor of the town of Westerlo, 1854 and 5.

Charles Bentley was Supervisor of the town of Westerlo, 1866 and 7.

James W. Bentley was a lawyer of Albany, 1884; office 18 S. Pearl St. Was Internal Revenue Collector at Albany in 1885.

Oliver Bentley was Ensign, 4th Regiment, 4th Company. Feb'y, 1776, from Rensselaerwyck.

Capt. Randall Bentley was one of the managers of the Albany Marine Bible Society, in 1823. His residence was 38 Liberty Street in 1813. Business, a skipper (master of a merchant ship).

Betsey, widow of Capt. Randall Bentley, d. in Albany, 4 May, 1848, aged 80 years.

R. C. Bentley was Colonel of 76th Regiment Albany Militia from 1857 to 1860.

Deacon Wm. Bentley was the first presiding officer of the First Baptist Church in Westerlo, also one of its trustees in 1820.

"The Union Musical Association of Albany was formed in October, 1858. On March 1st, 1859, they gave Mozart's Twelfth Mass. Choir of 150 voices, and an orchestra of New York and Albany musicians. Miss Sarah E. Bentley was the alto soloist."

Rensselaerwyck, or the manor of the Van Rensselaers, included parts of the present Columbia, Rensselaer and Albany Counties.

Stephentown was formed from Rensselaerwyck, 24 March, 1784.

Berlin was a part of Stephentown until 21 March, 1806. Settlement commenced in 1766. Baptist Church formed in 1782.

About 1769 Col. Bentley settled near N. Berlin.

Caleb Bentley built the first grist mill. Rensseaerwyck was the only colony which remained uninjured by the war. As a consequence the population increased and many farms were taken up."

FROM RENSSELAER COUNTY HISTORY, NEW YORK STATE.

"Rensselaer County was formed from Albany County, 7 Feb'y, 1791.

Wm. Bentley was a charter member of the Baptist Church organized at Stephentown, 25 May, 1795.

Caleb Bentley was Supervisor of Stephentown, 1784-5.

T. Bentley resided east of Kinderhook creek before 1784. (This was found from an old map of that portion of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck lying east of the Hudson river.)

Col. Caleb Bentley was an early settler at about a mile south of the village of Berlin. Had sons, Alex., Melancton and Rudolph.

In 1805 Ebenezer and Benj. Bentley were residents of vicinity of Berlin, also Rensselaer Bentley (a son of Joshua) who afterward became an author and publisher of school text-books.

Zadoc T. Bentley was also one of Berlin's representative men.

Elias Bentley served in Revolutionary war from Berlin, also Caleb Bentley."

FROM HOUGH'S GAZETTEER OF NEW YORK STATE.

"Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County, was formed from Ellington, 4 May, 1829.

The first settlement was made on lot 15 in 1812 by Joshua Bentley from Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

Joshua Bentley lost a daughter, two years old, in 1817, supposed to have been carried off by Indians.

Query, Who were the parents of Joshua Bentley?

Ellington was formed from Gerry, 1 April, 1824.

Joshua Bentley made the first settlement on lot 7, in 1814.

Among the names of the early settlers is given Joshua Bentley, Jr., from Rensselaer County in 1816."

FROM PHELPS & GORHAM PURCHASE, P. 547, NEW YORK STATE.

"In 1808 Wm. M. Bentley and Wm. Bentley were among those who purchased land upon "the Triangle", both buying in Township No. 3.

This triangle was a tract of land, having its base upon Lake Ontario and terminating in a sharp point, a little south of LeRoy village. It contained 87,000 acres of land and embraced the towns of Clarkson, Sweden, and part of Bergen and LeRoy."

The above named Bentleys may not have been residents, only land owners."

Wanted, parentage of Wm. M. and Wm. Bentley.

Page 568: "In 1812 Elisha Bentley purchased land in "the corn tract", which embraced the towns of Kendall, Murray, Clarendon, Byron,—a small part of LeRoy, Stafford and Bergen, N. Y.

In New York State are three Bentley towns: Bentley, Richmond Co.: Bentley's Corners, Jefferson Co.: Bentley's Hollow, Otsego Co.

FROM HAMMOND'S HISTORY OF MADISON CO., N. Y. (1872).

"The County of Madison was formed 21 March, 1806,

that part of DeRuyter lying within the County of Chenango was taken off.

"Jonathan Bentley, a native of Richmond, R. I., was m. in Easton, (Washington Co.), N. Y., his wife being a native of Westerly, R. I. They removed in 1808 to DeRuyter, Hampton S. and the late Gen. Z. T. Bentley, their sons, being children at that time. Mr. Bentley improved a handsome farm, and reared and educated an influential family. The son, H. S. Bentley, died a few years since in Michigan. Gen. Z. T. Bentley d. in Oneida in 1870. He was a native of Washington Co., N. Y. With the help of his boys, Mr. Bentley cleared up his farm and gave them such advantages as the place afforded. Young Bentley chose the profession of law and entered the office of Hon. Alonzo G. Hammond of Rensselaer Co., studying during the summers, and teaching during the winters. He finished his studies with Judge Darwin Smith, at Rochester, N. Y. He was admitted to the bar in 1833, and immediately opened an office in DeRuyter; formed a partnership with Geo. W. Stone till 1840 when Mr. Stone died. Mr. Bentley continued practice till 1843, when he was elected County Clerk. In 1850 he was appointed Brigadier-General of the 19th Brigade, N. Y. State Militia. He performed a great deal of literary work for the State Militia Association. During the late war, his voice was often heard maintaining the government in putting down the rebellion. He was a lawyer of superior attainments, well read, and an advocate of much ability. His death from paralysis, at his residence in Oneida, in July 1870, though sudden, was not wholly unlooked for by friends.

At a later date, A. V. Bentley, then a young man, who had pursued the study of law in the office of his brother, Z. T. Bentley, was admitted to the bar, in 1842, at the July term of the old Supreme Court, in Utica.

He opened an office separate from that of his brother, and thence forward for several years they were pitted against each other professionally.

Their competition, whilst honorable and friendly, was nevertheless exceedingly animated and the trial of their causes was contested inch by inch between these two brothers, with the greatest spirit and earnestness. The Bentleys continued practice until on the election of Z. T. Bentley to the office of County Clerk, when he removed to Morrisville, leaving A. V. Bentley sole master of the field.

Soon after A. V. B., whose health had become impaired through the effects of an early infirmity, was elected a Justice of the Peace, an office to which the people of DeRuyter elected him term after term for twenty-five years. Mr. Bentley was regarded as a good lawyer and safe counsellor. His office practice has been extensive, covering a period of more than a quarter of a century. In that department especially, and as a magistrate, he has done a vst mount of conveyncing relating to real estate. But a few title deeds, contracts, or securities relating to real estate, made, executed, or acknowledged withn that time, at DeRuyter and the adjoining towns of Georgetown, Cuyler and Lincklaen, can be found, which are not in the handwriting, or do not bear the signature of Mr. Bentley, which are as well known there as he is personally. His legal advice has been much sought by parties, because he has been in the habit of bestowing it disinterestedly, and much of the time gratituously, and because he always counseled peace, and the adjustment of difficulties without a resource to law."

"Zadock T. Bentley was one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Oneida, organized 1 Oct., 1864."

FROM YOUNG'S HISTORY OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK.

"Uriah Bentley, from Rensselaer Co., came to Chautauqua Co. in May, 1810, and settled on lot 9, township 2, range 12, in the north part of the town of Busti. He cleared a small piece of land, which he planted with potatoes, and built a small house after the common pioneer pattern. In the ensuing fall he returned for his family, and moved to his new home with a horse team by way of Mayville, where he arrived the last day of Noveimber, 1810. There being no road on the west side of the lake, he shipped his family and goods down the lake in a long cañoe, reaching his home at midnight. Uriah was the son of Caleb Bentley and was born in Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., 21 June, 1779, and was married 28 Dec., 1800, to Nancy Sweet, who was born 7 May, 1779. His children were:

1. Nancy, who married, first, Nicholas Frank, who died in the South, while on a lumbering tour, soon after marriage: second, Dan Higley. They have several children and reside in Iowa (1875).

2. Polly, wife of Charles W. Sammis, who d., 1849. She resides in Polo, Ill., and has eight children (1875).

3. Uriah S., deceased, who m. Almira Daniels. She m. second Clark Sweet and lives in Harmony.

4. Syble E., wife of Isaac Noble, had a dau. Minerva and is deceased.

5. Hiram, d. unmarried, about 60 years old.

6. Simeon G., m. Alice Gifford; no children.

7. Alexander, m. Lavantia Norton; resided (1875) at Fluvanna; has four sons.

8. Gustavus A., m. Cornelia Steward; had two daughters.

9. Ulrica C., m. Theron E. Palmeter, who is now (1905) 88 years of age, a bright, intelligent man, and at this advanced age is writing the history of Cerro Gordo

and Wright Counties of Iowa, soon to be published. Resides at Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo Co., Ia.; has three children.

10. Minerva, m. Alfred W. Steward and is deceased."

FROM HOUGH'S JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK.

"Settlements commenced in Watertown in March, 1800. Many of the settlers of that year were from Oneida County. Among the names of land purchasers were Jonathan and Josiah Bentley.

"In 1834 Joseph Budd, Wm. Bones and Benjamin Bentley erected a blast furnace in Champion, Jefferson county."

FROM YOUNG'S HISTORY OF CHAUTAUQUA CO., N. Y. (CHERRY CREEK).

"Joshua Bentley on 14 April, 1812, purchased part of lot 54 (now Ellicott); 6 Aug., 1814, bought 297 acres, and 12 April, 1815, bought 300 acres (both now Ellington); on 2 March, 1815, bouhgt lot 15, and 12 April, 1815, 250 acres of lot 9. Joshua, Sr., settled in Ellington and kept a tavern there for a number of years. Joshua, Jr., was from Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.; settled on lot 15, 1 Sept., 1815. He had previously settled early in the town of Ellery, about 1808. He was one of the corps of surveyors that ran the lines in this part of the county previously to its settlement. The center of the township was found, in the survey, to be on a little island in the stream, where was a small red cherry tree. Mr. Bentley, "the axe-man", cut it down, drove down a stake, and named the stream Cherry Creek, which also, afterwards gave name to the town. Mr. Bentley seemed to have a relish for forest-life and forest-scenery. He settled several miles from any inhabitant. It was here, on a clear

Sabbath morning, 2 April, 1822, his little daughter, four years old, strayed into the forest and was never seen afterward.

Elisha Kent of Cherry Creek m. Lydia Ann Bentley and lives in Illinois.

John Bentley bought lot 4 in Ellery in June, 1811.

Gardner Bentley bought land in Ellington, May, 1822."

FROM YOUNG'S HISTORY OF CHAUTAUQUA CO. (ELLINGTON).

"The Bentleys became numerous and most of them were in the north-east part of the town, in the vicinity of Old's Corners.

The sons of Joshua, Sr., were: Joshua, who settled in Cherry Creek; Stephen; Gardner and Benjamin.

Sons of Joshua, Jr., were: Alex. in Cherry Creek, Hiram, removed to the West: Lemuel, at Old's Corners.

Sons of Gardner were: Amon, deceased; Ellery, in Cherry Creek; Benj., in Ellington, and Turner.

Sons of Benj. (Joshua, Sr.): Ira, deceased; and Geo., in Cherry Creek.

Eldred, brother of Joshua, Sr., settled on lot 15 at Ellington; had two sons, Eldred and Perry, who died in town.

Joshua, Sr., kept a tavern near Cattarangus County line.

Gustavus A. Bentley of Busti, m. Cornelia Steward.

Minerva Bentley was first wife of Alfred W. Steward, brother of Cornelia, residence Clymer.

Layton Bentley bought land in Ripley, Oct., 1821, in all 710 acres. He settled on south part of lot 58. His son Layton now (1875) resides on some of these lands.

Thos. Bentley settled on the north-east part of lot 58."

FROM HISTORY OF SUSQUEHANNA CO., PENN., BY EMILY C. BLACKMAN.

P. 375: "In 1815 Stephen Bentley, originally from R. I., came with his family from Greene Co., N. Y. He bought a farm on the Owego turnpike about five miles from Montrose, where he kept a public house a number of years.

His children were: Stephen; Marshall; Benj. S.; Geo. V., and two daughters.

"He died in 1831, and his wife seventeen years later, aged about 75 years.

"With the exception of the youngest son, none of the family remain in this county."

P. 48: "B. S. Bentley was a resident lawyer of Susquehanna Co., 1848;" also "B. S. Bentley, Jr., of the firm Bentley & Fitch, 1860."

FROM N. Y. MARRIAGES.

"Ann Doty, b. 1762, at Saybrook, Conn., dau. of Sam'l and Mercy Doty, m. as second wife, in Stephentown, N. Y., Niles Bentley of New Lebanon, Columbia Co., N. Y., Aug., 1814. They resided there till 1819 when they removed to Sweden, Monroe Co., N. Y., where they both d. in 1823.

FROM MARRIAGE RECORDS OF AMENIA, N. Y., DUTCHESS COUNTY.

13 Oct., 1763, Sarah Bentley m. Amos Gillett. Says, "Many of these people came from Sharon and Dover, Conn."

FROM NEW LONDON COUNTY, CONN.

"27 Nov., 1745, a sister of Jeremiah Lewis m. Joseph Bentley of Lebanon.

Bentley's wife, a dau. of Robert Fergo, was buried 11 Jan'y, 1756, New London."

FROM VITAL RECORDS OF SEYMOUR, CONN.

"John Bentley m. Martha ——? and had:

1. George William Bentley, b. in England, aged 4 years (18 June, 1888).
2. Pierson Bentley b. Aug., 1888."

FROM RECORDS OF CHURCH OF CHRIST AT STONINGTON, CONN.

"5 June, 1704, William Bentley and wife, Mary, owned the covenant and their daughter, Mary, was baptized.

9 Nov., 1707, William, son of William Bentley, was baptized.

27 July, 1712, John, son of William Bentley, of Lebanon, was baptized.

John Bentley m. Patience Shaw 8 Feb'y, 1747."

BENTLEYS IN THE REVOLUTION—NEW YORK LINE.

"Oliver, Lieut.—Col. Van Rensselaer, Capt. Niles.

Tillinghast, Lieut.—Col. Van Denberg, Capt. Wheeler.

Tillinghast, Lieut.—Col. Graham, Capt. Vail.

Samuel, Sergeant—Col. Van Rensselaer, Capt. Niles.

Benjamin, Private—Col. Van Rensselaer, Capt. Niles.

Benedict, Private—Col. Van Vechton.

Thomas, Private—Col. Van Vechton, Capt. Wadsworth.

Richard, Private—Col. Webster, Capt. Tozer.

Thomas, Private—Col. Van Derberg, Capt. Wheeler.

Joseph, Private—Col. Whiting, Capt. Herrick.

Thomas, Private—Col. Whiting, Capt. Herrick.

Green M., Private—Col. Wisner, Capt. Bailey."

FROM PENSION OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Dutchess County, N. Y., William Bentley, Capt. Jos. Benedict's company, Fourth New York Regiment, Col. James Holmes, Revolutionary War. The company muster roll covering the period from 28 June to 9 Oct., 1775, dated in the camp at Ticonderoga 9 Oct., 1775, shows that he enlisted 25 June, year not stated.

The records also show that one William Bentley served as private in Capt. James Stewart's company, Fifth New York Regiment, Col. Lewis Du Bois, Revolutionary War. He enlisted 26 Dec., 1776, for the war. Is reported to have died 21st or 25th July, 1777, Dutchess County."

FROM STILES' ANCIENT WESTERFIELD, P. 601.

"The first resident pastor of the Baptist society was Rev. William Bentley, who held the sacred office from Oct., 1815, to Oct., 1822. He was born in Newport, R. I., 3 March, 1775. In 1775 the house and tannery of his father was burned by the British at the taking of that place, the family escaping to Dighton. The boy William was apprenticed to a baker in Boston. He was converted under Baptist preaching and continued in business until

his ordination in 1807, as a preacher, and served without settlement at Woburn and Tiverton, R. I., and at Malden, New Bedford and Worcester, Mass. From Worcester he came to Wethersfield and the latter place remained his home until his death, 24 Dec., 1855."

Query—Who were the ancestors and who are the descendants of this William Bentley?

COPIED FROM HARTFORD WEEKLY TIMES.

"From an old manuscript book—surely 144 years old—recorded in 1760 among the names of the 68 compatriots who formed Maj. Durkee's company from Norwich, Conn., who enlisted in the spring of that year for the campaign against the French in Canada, we find the name of Richard Bentley, dated Port Ontario, 9 Oct., 1760."

ITEMS GATHERED FROM CORRESPONDENCE

"Pardon (3) Bentley (William (2); Thomas (1)) had a brother William who was in Revolutionary War, who died with a fever contracted while on duty. He lived in Massachusetts.

Willis Bentley, of Sandgate, Vt., I am told, is a grandson of one Solomon Bentley.

Benjamin Bentley, born 1781, was grandfather of Mrs. Ayers, of Westerly, R. I. This Benjamin Bentley always spoke of Daniel and Russell Bentley (who were sons of George) as cousins."

Query—Parentage of Benjamin Bentley.

"John Bentley, of Kingston, R. I., m. Patience, dau. of Timothy Peckham, of South Kingston, afterward of Hopkington, where he died."

FROM MRS. T. B. SMITH, JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

"My father's name was Mahlon Bentley, son of Gideon Bentley."

FROM MR. I. D. PECKHAM, RICHFIELD SPA, N. Y.

"Oliver Bentley, Sr., no dates to be found.

In the old West Winfield (N. Y.) cemetery is an old head stone on which is "Hannah, wife of Oliver Bentley, d. 11 Oct., 1820, aged 81 years, 11 months, which shows her birth to have been 11 Nov., 1738. But there is no record of her husband. In fact, we do not know as he was buried there."

FROM STATE LIBRARY, ALBANY, N. Y.

"'This is to certify that an entry on folio 56 of a manuscript volume entitled 'Treasurer's Certificates, Vol. 7,' shows that a certificate for £1 6s. 8p., bearing 5 per cent interest, numbering 33835 and dated 22 Nov., 1779, was issued to Benjamin Bentley for services as a private under Lieut. Benjamin Guile in Col. Cornelius Van Veghten's regiment of Albany County militia."

FROM WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

"The records of this office show that one John Bentley served as a private in Capt. Robert Cochran's (known also as Capt. Joel Dickinson's) company of Col. Samuel Elmore's battalion of Connecticut troops. His name appears only on a company muster roll for the period from 15 April, 1776, to 13 Jan'y, 1777, dated at Fort Dayton,

German Flats. 13 Jan'y, 1777, with remark that he enlisted 24 June, 1776."

The same record of John Bentley is found in Adjutant-General's office, Hartford, Conn., also in addition:

John Bentley, private, joined 1 Oct., 1782, discharged 29 Nov., 1782, Capt. Eliezer Prentice's company, Col. McClallen's Regiment, State of Connecticut, 1782. On page 641, same book and office, John Bentley, a private, pensioner of the State of Connecticut, act of 1818, residing in New York.

So very desirous was I to trace this John Bentley that I a second time wrote to Washington, D. C. The reply follows: "John Bentley, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisted April, 1776. In service one year from Connecticut, Capt. Joel Dickenson, Col. Samuel Elmore. Engaged in battles at Moses' Creek and Hart's Mills. Applied for pension 17 Nov., 1819. at that date was a resident of Granville, Washington County, N. Y., and aged 69 years. His claim was allowed." He states in 1823 that he has no children living with him. Residence of said John at enlistment not stated.

Query—Who was this John Bentley, his ancestors, his descendants?

I at once wrote to Rev. G. G. Beckwith, pastor of Baptist Church at Granville for Bentley items from church records 1815 to 1820, and was greately disappointed to receive in answer, "Our church records go back to 1876. There is a Baptist church near here which dates from 1784."

BENTLEYS IN REVOLUTION FROM CONNECTICUT.

"1. Asael.

2. Azel, from Norwich.

3. Elijah, from Norwich, under Capt. Huntington.

4. Ezekiel, New London company, pensioner.

5. John, Capt. Dickinson's company. In garrison at Fort Dayton (German Flats), Herkimer county, N. Y., 24 June. Pensioner of Connecticut (act of 1818) residing in New York State.

6. Joseph, quartermaster-sergeant 19 Nov., 1777; ensign 17 March, 1778; resigned 8 April, 1780.

7. Thomas, corporal, for the relief of Boston in the Lexington alarm.

8. William: enlisted 15 May, 1775; discharged 18 Dec., 1775.

9. William: residing in Norwich: Throop's company: enlisted 15 Feb'y, 1777; during the war.

10. William: private in Capt. Brigham's company. Paid from 1 Jan'y, 1781, to 31 Dec., 1781.

11. William, of Capt. Kimberly's company; 1 Feb'y, 1783."

FROM STANTON GENEALOGY.

"Susan (6), dau. of Amos and Amelia Babcock Stanton, b. 17 Aug. 1798, at Stonington, Conn.: m. Russell Bentley, of North Stonington, 22 Oct., 1822. She d. 20 Nov., 1844, at North Stonington. Issue:

1. Harriet D. Bentley b. 1 Jan'y, 1824; m. first John D. Babcock; m. second David Nelson Gallup; m. third Henry D. Hungerford.

2. Martha E. Bentley b. 8 April, 1825; m. John N. Crary.

3. Susan Emily Bentley b. 24 Sept., 1827; d. 22 Dec. 1844.

4. Infant dau. b. and d. in May, 1831.

5. Lucy Gardner Bentley b. 17 July, 1829; m. Richard Wheeler.

6. Mary J. Bentley b. 10 Sept., 1832; m. Henry L. Miner.

7. Emeline N. Bentley b. 4 May, 1835; m. Charles H. Kenyon.

Stephen Le Roy Stanton m. (2) on 2 July, 1852, Sarah J. Bentley, of Lincklean, Chenango County, N. Y., b. 9 May, 1835.

Margaret Winston, dau. of David and Judith Stanton Winston, b. 26 June, 1804; m. Alvah Bentley in Westerlo, Albany County, N. Y. He d. in Michigan in 1873. She d. April, 1885, in Palmyra, N. Y. Left one son, Jasper Bentley, who lives in Lapeer, Mich.

Mary Elizabeth Paul, dau. of Capt. Jesse Edward Paul, and wife, Elizabeth Stanton Treat, b. 19 March, 1825; m. 10 Nov., 1846, to George Gilbert Billings Bentley, of Olneyville, R. I."

FROM BABCOCK GENEALOGY.

"Benjamin Langworthy b. 29 Feb'y, 1760; d. 26 April, 1826; m. as his second wife Mrs. Patience Peckham Bentley.

Hannah Wilber (Gideon) b. 1785; m. Benjamin Bentley, Sr., and settled near the seashore in the town of Westerly, R. I.

Susan Stanton b. 17 Aug. 1798 (Amos); m. Russell Bentley, of North Stonington.

Stephen Babcock, Jr., b. 1793; m. Emma Bentley, who d. at North Stonington 14 Jan'y, 1876, aged 80.

Sarah I. Barber (Rev. Thomas) b. 9 Sept., 1830; resided at Bristol, Conn.; m. for her first husband John Bentley, who d. before 1886.

Uramia Bentley m. Charles Hunt, of Colbrook, Conn."

FROM REED GENEALOGY.

Ella Joanna Reed (John, Jr.) b. 13 June, 1854, at Cortland, N. Y.; m. Henry J. Bentley 25 Dec., 1878; resides at Waukon, Ia. Children:

John Reed Bentley b. 28 Aug., 1880.

Ruth Bentley b. 14 Jan'y, 1882.

Henry Grant Bentley b. 26 Jan'y, 1886.

Roy Wilson Bentley b. 22 July, 1896.

FROM CARPENTER GENEALOGY.

"Frank R. Bentley, of Glen's Fall, N. Y., married Maryetta Carpenter 22 Dec., 1893.

Wilbur Carpenter b. 29 Dec., 1765; m. Patience Bentley 7 Oct., 1818, dau. of Caleb Bentley, a farmer. Residence, Providence and Warwick, R. I. Two children were born to them."

FROM ROCKWELL AND KEELER GENEALOGY.

"Horatio Nelson Bentley, a painter, m. Pauline Corey 15 March, 1848; b. at Stanbridge, Canada, 30 April, 1825. They lived in several places in Wisconsin and then moved to Binghamton, Calif. Their children were:

1. Thomas R. Bentley b. Sun Prairie, Wis., 20 March, 1849; m. 31 Oct., 1873, Mary Louise Hamilton and after living several years in Wisconsin removed to Los Banos, Calif. Had one son, Edwin B. Bentley, b. at Hollister, Calif., 3 April, 1875.
2. Ida Augusta Bentley m. Francis A. Tyler. Residence Dixon, Calif.
3. Horatio N. Bentley, Jr., d. 1889 at Napa, Calif.
4. Amelia P. Bentley; m. ——— George.
5. Rodney W. Bentley b. Petalama, Calif., 1865.

6. William Henry Bentley b. Binghamton, Calif., 10 June, 1865; m.; had a dau. Eva.

Oliver C. Bentley m. Phebe Ann Nash, b. at Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., and resided at Gilbertsville, a few miles from her birthplace.

Hannah Maria Bentley b. 3 Nov., 1835; m. William Dennis, a farmer of Niles, Cayuga County, N. Y. In 1893 she resided with one of her sons at New Hope, Cayuga County, N. Y."

FROM FIELD GENEALOGY.

"William Field b. in Providence, R. I., after 1708; m. there Jemima ——? (I think her name was Bentley, as her administrators were Caleb Bentley, of Warwick, R. I., and Caleb Greene, of East Greenwich, R. I., who m. a Bentley)."

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Gen. Roeliff Brinkerhoff, of Mansfield, O., has published a pamphlet.

"The Bentley Family" with genealogical records of Ohio Bentleys, and known as "The Tribe of Benjamin." In it he says: "So far as known all the Bentleys in America, who date back their ancestry to a period prior to the Revolutionary War, are descendants of William Bentley, Sr., of Rhode Island. Possibly he may have had brothers, but we have no certain record of them. However, there are some traditions that are worthy of consideration, in which it is claimed that there were two or three brothers.

"Benjamin Bentley, of whom we have first record as a resident in Chester County, Pa., and who is the common ancestor of nearly all the Ohio Bentleys, was son of George Bentley, the second son of William Bentley,

Jr., who was the oldest son of William and Sarah Bentley, the original settlers in Rhode Island from England and Scotland. George Bentley, the second son of William Bentley, Jr., came to Chester County, Pa., some time before the Revolutionary War. Tradition says that he married Jane Carson, a lady from Ireland. They raised a family of eight children—six sons and two daughters, viz.:

1. Sheshbazzer.
2. House.
3. Jeffrey.
4. Absolom.
5. Mary, b. 15 Dec., 1754.
6. Benjamin, b. 14 Aug., 1757.
7. Margaret, b. 2 Dec., 1759.
8. Joseph, the youngest son of George, m. Lucy Dailey, by whom he had seven children—six sons and a daughter. He remained with his father until his death in Washington County and inherited the father's entire estate in Washington County, Pa.

Under date of December 11, 1896, I received a letter from Bentley Worth, of West Chester, Pa. This Bentley Worth is a grandson of Mary Bentley, dau. of George, and is now (1897) 77 years old and has lived in Chester County all his life. In this letter he says: "I have examined fully the records of Chester County and find a George Bentley as giving a mortgage on a farm of 144 acres in the township of Newlin for the sum of £80, dated November 9, 1758. I find the name of his wife, Jane Carson. I find in the history of Chester County that in 1747 a regiment was formed in the time of English and French war and George Bentley was appointed a lieutenant. This history shows that Rev. Owen Thomas was the first Baptist minister in the township and that he preached at John Bentley's house. After

the death of John he preached at the house of his son, Joeffrey, who in 1752 gave a lot of ground and built a meeting house with small help from others. In 1792 the corner stone of a new meeting house was laid. The location was selected by a committee, among whom were Jesse Bentley, Elizabeth Bentley and Lydia Bentley. I find in county records a will dated 1759 of Mary Bentley, widow of John Bentley."

Another tradition in "The Tribe of Benjamin" from Mrs. Lavinia Bentley Jones, who resides upon the old homestead of her father, Sheshbazzar Bentley, Jr., near Bentleyville, Washington County, Pa., is "that during the colonial period, one George Bentley was drafted into the English service and came to America as a member of the royal troops. Sometime after the war closed he located in Chester County, Pa., where he married Jane Carson." I will not copy further, as the pamphlet can be bought of Gen. Brinkerhoff, price $1. Gen. Brinkerhoff writes me that he has certificates of service in the Revolutionary War of two Pennsylvania Bentleys. First, George Bentley, commissioned as a lieutenant of Capt. John Miller's company in a Chester County regiment; second, John Bentley, a private in First Pennsylvania Regiment, line of the revolution in 1778 and in 1779 he enlisted in the Fifth Pennsylvania.

There is still another tradition copied from "The Tribe of Benjamin," which comes from E. T. Bentley, of Ithaca, N. Y. About 1716 three brothers, John, William and Joseph Bentley, came from Scotland and settled in Rhode Island. When the boundary line was run between Rhode Island and Connecticut it brought William into Connecicut. Joseph became homesick and returned to England. William and John both married and had large families. John was a large man with black hair and eyes. William had sandy hair and blue eyes. My

grandfather, Greene Bentley, was the son of William and now down to the fifth and sixth generation, the red hair crops out, though there was none of my father's family—fifteen in number—who had red hair; but many of his grandchildren and great grandchildren show the red hair. John's family nearly all had black hair and eyes and this is peculiar to them until the present time. My grandfather (Greene), son of William, was born in Connecticut 23 March, 1741. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War he enlisted and served seven years and died in Chemung County, N. Y., 1820. My father, Benjamin, was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1772 and died at Tiogo, Pa., 1854. Some of John Bentley's family settled in Jefferson County, N. Y., and some in Chemung County, N. Y. They were nearly all Baptists and my grandfather was driven out of Connecticut because he would not pay tithes to the Church of England.

Greene Bentley m. Dianah Greene about 1755; had nine children—seven girls and two boys. The family moved from Connecticut to the west branch of the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania and then to Chemung County, N. Y. Benjamin, one of the sons, who was the father of E. T. Bentley, of Ithaca, N. Y., moved from Chemung County (Bentley's Creek) to Tioga County, Pa., 1806, where he died 1854."

FROM AMERICAN HISTORICAL REGISTER, PP. 857, 859 AND 860, WILL ADD:

"Caleb Bentley was educated for a Baptist minister. His first wife was Sally, dau. of Mr. Roger Brooke. His second wife, Henrietta Thomas, dau. of Samuel Thomas and Mary Cowman. He was descended from Joseph Bentley and Mary Thatcher, son of Joeffrey Bentley and Eleanor Banner; son of John Bentley and Mary Miles,

of Chadd's Ford, Penn. Caleb resided about twenty miles north-west of national capitol. Richard Bentley, of Oxford, only son of Dr. Bentley, of Cambridge, of whom Horace Walpole wrote in 1757 "He was an academy in himself," was the chosen relative for whom Mr. Bentley named his only son, Richard, of Bloomfield, later of Baltimore."

FROM "THE GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE."

Edited by Mrs. Natalia R. Fernald,
230 Ashland Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

"William Bentley m. Sarah Leithfield; their son, William, Jr., m. Mary Elliott; their son, George m. Jane Carson; their son, Joseph, b. in Washington County, Pa., 1765, m. Lucy Daly; d. 22 Sept., 1840; their son, Absolom m. Susan (Dempsey) Calhoun; their dau. Clara m. Julian H. Meyer.

"Grace M. (6) Rand (dau of Alfred T. Rand and Adaloide (5) Udell) b. 19 Dec., 1871, m. 2 July, 1894, H. M. Bentley. Residence, New Haven, Conn. Children, Merton Bentley, b. 6 Oct., 1897; Foster Bentley, b. 12 Nov., 1899; Mildred Bentley, b. 15 May, 1902."

Lorin L. Richmond b. in Riga, Monroe County, N. Y., 21 Dec., 1837.; m. 3 July, 1859, Belinda E. Bentley. She was b. in Albion, Mich., 21 April, 1841."

FROM MR. WILLIS BENTLEY, ALBANY, N. Y.

"My great grandfather, who was Deacon William Bentley, was the Moderator at the organization of the Baptist Church at Westerlo, located at Cheesterville, Albany County, N. Y., in 1820. But he could not have been the same William who was charter member at

Stephentown, as my grandfather moved from Millerton, then North East, Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1795 to 1800 to Chesterville, Albany County."

FROM MISS MINNIE C. BENTLEY, COHOES, N. Y.

"My grandfather was Noah Bentley and he had two brothers, Niles and William. Noah Bentley had three wives.

1. Polly Babcock, of New Lebanon, Columbia County, N. Y.

2. Ruth Greene, of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, N. Y.

3. Sally Tuft, of Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, N. Y.

The third wife was my grandmother. My father, Benjamin, was the youngest. Grandfather died and was buried at Sand Lake, N. Y. That was his last home.

I had one brother, Harvey W. Bentley (deceased) and have one sister, Sarah M. Burke. Her home is in Utica, N. Y. My mother's name was Emeline Teathers, of Sand Lake. The Bentleys came from Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Noah Bentley had 22 children. (During the year 1904 Mrs. Benjamin Bentley passed away and Miss Minnie removed to Utica, N. Y.)

FROM MISS S. ELLEN BACON, FREDONIA, N. Y., SEPT. 27, 1904.

"My mother, Mrs. Zephra Bacon, dau. of Noah Bentley, and his third wife, regrets that she cannot give you the information you desire. She does not remember ever being told the given name of her grandfather nor the maiden name of her grandmother. She does remember

her father (Noah) telling that he came from England when four months old in his nurse's arms, his mother having died previous to their leaving England. Also that his sister, Tabitha, died on the voyage over. She remembers seeing a son (Norman) of Niles Bentley, but knows nothing of Niles' wife or wives. Of William Bentley she knows nothing except that both he and Niles lived in Lebanon, N. Y. Mother doubts that her father or either of his brothers ever lived in Rhode Island. Mother had a brother, Clark, who was named for some relative whom they never called uncle, possibly he was her grandfather. She is positive that her grandfather settled in Lebanon on coming to America: has no recollection of any talk about Rhode Island in her childhood days. Mother's father, Noah, was born in 1770 (without much doubt). He died in January, 1832, when mother was 13 years old. Mother says there was a cousin, William, who came to America before her grandfather did and he had a daughter Mollie, who used to come and nurse my grandmother. This cousin William took mother's sister, Cynthia, and brought her up. Mother cannot say whether Aunt Tabatha, who died on passage from England, was aunt or great aunt. The only uncles remembered are Niles and William and no aunts excepting Tabatha. Mother does not remember of ever hearing the names of Benedict, Garduer, Susanna and Lucy in connection with her family."

FROM JOHN D. BENTLEY, CORRY, PA.

"Noah Bentley, of Manchester, England, during the 1730s, migrated to Rhode Island with his family, consisting of a wife, sons William and Niles and daughter Polly—the latter died on the passage over. Shortly

after his arrival here another son was born to them, being my grandfather, Noah the second. William the elder son, removed to New York State shortly after Noah's birth and finally settled in what is now New Lebanon, Columbia county; married a Bromley and raised the children of whom you write. One of his daughters, Mercy (by name, instead of Renena), married Calvin Bentley, third son of Noah, Jr., and an uncle of mine, also cousin to his wife.

"Niles, the second son of Noah, Sr., was accidentally killed in Rhode Island a short time after his arrival there. Noah, Jr., when young, settled in what is now Rensselaer County, near his brother William. I was born in Rensselaer County, near the Massachusetts line; also my father, Ray Bentley, who was a farmer, here also my grandfather Noah lived and died. I married in 1864 Julia Swetland, of Mayville, N. Y., and was for a number of years a merchant in Vineland, N. J. In 1870 removed to Corry, Pa. Am a merchant. In 1897 was a member of the House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Have a family of four sons and one daughter. I have often heard my father, who died while I was young, refer to his uncle William.

"My uncles, Clark Bentley and William Niles Bentley (named for his uncles), now living at Cohoes, N. Y., have supplied me with the family history. Uncle Clark was b. in 1808. He has an old family record with the names, dates of births and marriages of his twenty-two brothers and sisters. I infer that the Calebs, Georges, Johns, Abigails and Niles who settled in Stonington, Conn., and Rensselaer County, N. Y., emigrated from England at an earlier period than our immediate ancestors. That they were nearly related is evinced by the names given by my grandfather (Noah) to his numerous family, viz.: John, Caleb, Calvin, Noah, Clark,

Ray, George, James, William, Niles, Benjamin, Polly, Sally, Ruth, Abigail, Rena, Cynthia, Zephorah, Ellen. Thanking you for your letter, which has added much to my store of Bentley knowledge. From what I have heard my father say, neither his father or his uncle William were in the Revolutionary War or in that of 1812."

FROM MR. E. C. BENTLEY, EARLVILLE, MADISON COUNTY, N. Y.

"May 20, 1904. I this morning received a letter directed and written by you to my father, who died in 1888, June 8th. I am now away from home, but upon my return will interview my mother about some of the queries you ask. She is over 80 years old and hardly a gray hair. I will also see an aunt who lives in Cohoes, N. Y.

"My parents only had two sons. My brother, G. Duane Bentley, is six years younger than myself. I am 55 years of age. Our families now live in Earlville. My mother lives with me. My brother and myself are in the manufacturing business there and have been there sixteen years.

"We formerly lived at New Berlin, Chenango County, N. Y. My father, George W. Bentley, was born at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, N. Y. His father was Noah Bentley, the preacher. There was a Bentley reunion at my father's house in New Berlin and another at Oriskany Falls. I have the photographs of all the brothers and sisters taken together at that time with the many descendants, which I greatly prize, for it is a fine looking group. I have enjoyed hearing my father and his brothers talk for hours and have data at home and will do my best to assist you."

(The press of business, etc., probably caused Mr. Bentley to entirely forget the promised data for the Bentley pamphlet, as nothing more was sent to me.)

FROM MR. AND MRS. ELDRED BENTLEY, CONEWANGO VALLEY, CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, N. Y.

"I, Eldred Bentley, am Eldred third, my father was Eldred Bentley second and his father Eldred Bentley first. My first wife was Fannie Selfredge; my second wife, now living (Aug. 1, 1905), was Lydia Lee. I have six boys, all living at the present time. The maiden name of my mother was Lydia Niles. I do not know maiden name of my grandmother Bentley. Both grandfather and his wife were born in Rhode Island and married there. Uriah Bentley (Caleb, 1742) was cousin to Eldred Bentley, Sr., and nephew of Joshua Bentley, Sr. Joshua Bentley, Sr., m. Julia Edson. Children of Eldred, second, viz.: John, Cecil, Louisa, Jemina, Mercy and Eldred, third. All dead but me, Eldred Bentley. John and Cecil lived and died in Freeport, Ill., about three or four years ago.

Children of Joshua, Sr., viz.: Gardner, Benjamin, Stephen, Delia, Lydia, Amy and Nabby. All dead. Mrs. Bentley writes that she has tried hard to find trace of those for whom I have asked, but failed. If she is able to go to Jamestown she will interview Bentley descendants living there."

FROM A. J. BENTLEY, OF SCOTIA, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, N. Y., JAN. 24, 1905.

"The branch of the Bentley family with which I am connected are, and have been for years, located in Bennington County, Vt.

"My father, Jetson Willard Bentley, M. D., was born in Sandgate, Vt., in 1840; practiced medicine in Providence, R. I., from 1873 to 1888; married Ellen L. Joy, born in Thompson, Conn., 2 Dec., 1842. My father's parents were Daniel Bentley (who resided in Sandgate, Vt.; died 1888, aged about 80 years) and his wife Polly Hamilton."

Mr. A. J. Bentley has a brother, Mr. D. H. Bentley. He has also gievn me the following names, as I understand, to be brothers of his father:

Wilson R. Bentley, Sandgate, Vt.
Zenas Bentley, Sandgate, Vt.
Hiland L. Bentley, German, N. Y.
Edwin S. Bentley, Shushan, N. Y.
Layton Bentley, Shushan, N. Y.

Query—Parentage of Daniel Bentley.

I wrote and mailed a letter to John Henry Bentley, Greenfield Center, Saratoga County, N. Y.

The following is his reply, also saying that he had changed his postoffice address to North Greenfield, Saratoga County, N. Y.

"I (John Henry Bentley) was born in town of Verona, Oneida County, N. Y., 5 April, 1842; married Nancy E. Sperbeck at Saginaw City, Mich., 18 May, 1867. Have one son and three daughters—George A., Nellie L., Lena and Ruth.

"My father was William Bentley, born in Dutchess County, N. Y., 6 Sept., 1817. My mother was Ruth Carver, born in town of Greenfield, Saratoga County, N. Y.

Before residing in Greenfield my parents lived in

Oneida County, and after the death of my mother my father moved to Troy, N. Y. They had two sons—John Henry and George C.

"My grandfather Bentley was John Bentley, born in Dutchess County; married Rachel Crandall and had a daughter; married Nicholas Wilson (whose son, George Wilson, resides at Round Lake, N. Y.); also two sons, George Bentley, residing (1905) at 35 Jara street, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Washington Bentley, at Firemen's Home, Hudson, N. Y. Mrs. John W. Lee, 54 Brunswick avenue, Troy, N. Y., is a cousin of mine; also gave the address of Dr. R. H. Bentley, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

The following is from Mrs. Lydia S. Bentley, whose next birthday, December, 1905, will make her 80 years old. I have always valued her correspondence. With her advanced years, always bright and happy, every letter brings sunshine. She must, indeed, be a well preserved woman, both mentally and physically. She, from the first, has been greatly interested in the search and has given much valuable information.

Lydia Sophia Washburn was born in Coldrain, Mass., 1825; dau. of Stoddard Washburn, b. in Plymouth, Mass., and Patty Armour, b. in Union, Conn. Her parents came to Orickany Falls in 1834 when Lydia was 8 years old; were residents of Oriskany Falls, Oneida County, N. Y., for over fifty years. Lydia m. 3 Nov., 1843, at Oriskany Falls Albert Darwin Bentley, b. in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, N. Y., 1818; died in Oriskany Falls, N. Y., 1894. Their children Calvin, m. Theresa McLaughlin; Renena Agnes m. Harmon Morgan; Stoddard Washburn m. Kate Ball; Edwin Albert m. Hattie Jenney. All are dead except Stoddard. He resides at Oriskany Falls. Is proprietor of a livery and sale stable.

The parents of Albert Darwin Bentley b. 1818 were Calvin Bentley, b. 1793 (eldest child of Noah Bentley) and Renena Bentley, dau. of William Bentley (brother of Noah). Calvin Bentley and family came to Oriskany Falls in 1824 when Albert was 6 years old.

The children of Calvin Bentley were Albert D., Adelia m. Dwight Mosier; Abby Jane m. Backus Lowell; Electa m. Alvin Wells. The grandchildren of William Bentley have moved to Chautauqua County. I will tell you all I know and I think it will be more than they could tell. William's second wife was Widow Abigail Bromley and her first husband was Alonson Bromley. My husband's grandmother's name was Green. I don't know her given name. The names of the children of Clara Bennett are Julia Walker and Nellie Hinds. The grandmother (Abigail Bromley Bentley) died before they were born and they know nothing of her. My husband's mother (Renena, dau. of William) was a good talker and liked to tell me of old times and I was a good listener. God bless her soul, she has a seat at His right hand if any one has. How I wish I could solve all you want to know.

Mrs. Lydia S. Bentley says: "I will be very glad to give you all the Bentley information possible. I will begin by telling you that my father-in-law and my mother-in-law were own cousins. She the daughter of William and Abigail Bentley; he the son of Noah Bentley. She had a sister Harty who m. a Wilber who had a dau. Permelia m. a man by the name of Roberts. She has been dead many years. Her sister Polly m Mr. Smith; Clara m. Mr. Bennett; Elizabeth m. George Morey. She had no brothers. My father-in-law was one of twenty-four children. His father had three wives. He was the oldest and had a sister Ruth. The second wife had John, Tacy, Caleb and Isreal. The third had eighteen. I can-

not give them as they came into the world, but will give their names if possible—George, James, Niles, Clark, Alonzo, Benjamin. The women were Sally, Lucy, Abigail, Cynthia, Ziphra, Ellen. There was not a fool among them. Yes, William and Noah and Niles Bentley were brothers, but I cannot tell you the names of either their father or mother. I will send you these old notes and you will see that they were given in the 1700s and Joseph Enos was closely related to the Bentleys. All the Bentleys that I knew lived in New Lebanon, Stephentown and Sand Lake. No, I never heard of Rev. David Niles Bentley, but there was a cousin named Rev. Norman Bentley. Now, I will think of something I wanted to tell you before this gets to you, but don't be afraid to ask questions of me. I do not sleep very well and in the night I have written you long letters—in my mind—now if I had gotten up and put them on paper they might have helped you considerable; but in the morning they were all gone from me. Now two of Noah Bentley's descendants live in Erie. Sally Bentley m. a Corbin and one m. a Bramin. No, I never heard of Philip Bentley. Ziphora m. Earl Bacon and her son lives in Richfield Springs. Elizabeth Bentley Morey died 12 Jan'y, 1847. She had four boys and two girls, viz.: William, Dexter, Clark, Augustus, Nancy and Electa. She had uncles Niles and Noah. She was aunt to my husband.

"October 30, 1905.—Soon after your letter came George Bentley's widow came to visit me and while here had a stroke of paralysis, not a bad one, but she was helpless for three or four weeks. It was not the care but the fear that she might have another that kept me in a shape so I could not write. This Mrs. Bentley is mother to Edward Bentley, of Earlville, Madison County, with whom you have corresponded. Noah Bentley's first wife was Lucy Green. My husband had an aunt by the name

of Polly who m. Noah Brown. She was sister to his mother. She lived and died near this place. There are several families of Enos in the town of Eaton, about ten miles from here and Grandfather Bentley used to visit them often and there was a Thankful in the family. The younger generation will not, probably, care so much for the Bentley pamphlet, but if they could reach a hand out of the graves in our cemetery there would be a good many who would have one.

"November 29, 1905.—I did not feel able to go to church this morning. I just went out about half a mile upon a high hill, sat on a rock and preached myself a sermon. The subject was on being thankful that I could walk so far and so easy. It was where I used to play when a child."

The following old notes, dim and worn with age, have been kindly given to the work by Mrs. Lydia Bentley. This confirms my assertion that Niles Bentley was not killed in Rhode Island, but lived and was a resident of New Lebanan, Columbia County, N. Y. Tradition says he worked with the Shakers in that vicinity.

New Concord, 1st Feb'y, Opd.

"I find a small amt. charged against you of 12/0 for —, the which I wish you to settle soon, as I am under—— to call for a settlement of all——

I am sincerely yours.

Mr. Niles Bentley.

On back of note is "Niles Bentley, New Lebanon."

"For value rec'd I promise to pay Eph'm Hunt and Samuel Haight two bushels wheat after harvest, on demand as witness my hand.

April 16th, 1788.

On back of note is "Note for wheat. Wm Bentley."

Canaan, Sept. 23, 1795.

"For value rec'd I promise to pay to Nathan Hand, twelve months after date, the sum of three pounds, payable in good merchantable produce at market price with lawful interest til paid, as witness my hand in presenc of

JOSEPH ENOS.

On back of note is "Wm. Bentley, Note for £3."

Canaan, Jan'y 16th day, A. D. 1801.

"For value received I promise to pay unto Henry Haight or order the full and just sum of Eighteen Dollars and Sixty-six Cents on demand with the lawful interest.

On back of note is "Wm. Bentley, Note D. 18; C. 66."

Another note so decayed and torn that all readable is "As witness my hand of Sept., 1796. Joseph Enos, Jr."

The following is all that is to be found in Columbia County records, at Hudson:

"1791. William Bentley and Noah Bentley, of Canaan, to Jacob Cole, Jr., of Canaan. Mortgage.

Dated Oct. 22, 1791. Amt. £40. Reg'd Oct. 31, 1791. Mortg Book A, Folio 200. Witnesses—Mat Adgate, Lucy Adgate.

Covers all their right, title and interest both in law and equity to the following pieces or tracts of land situate and being in the Town of Canaan aforesaid. Bounded as followeth, the first of said tracts begins at the crutch of the roads near where the said William now lives, and from thence runs easterly as the road runs to a piece of meadow land now owned by Joseph Enos, from

thence northwardly by said Enos's line to the northwest corner of the said meadow, to the farm of land, formerly owned by Job Thirston, now owned by Noah Bentley; from thence, northwardly by the west line of the last aforesaid farm to the farm of land owned by John White, from there westwardly as the south line of the said White's farm runs to the road from there southwardly as the road runs to the place where this tract first began. Containing sixty acres, be there more or less. The second of the said tracts begins on the west side of the highway opposite to the northwest corner of the aforesaid first described tract, from thence running westwardly with the south line of the aforesaid John Wiles farm, to a black birch tree standing in a brook, from there running southerly keeping the middle of the brook, to a hard maple stump, from there running easterly by the line of Joseph Enos's farm to a stump and stones about the same, from there running southerly by said Enos's line to a piece of land owned by John Matthews, from there by said Matthews' line eastwardly to the highway aforesaid, from there northwardly as the said highway runs to the place where this tract began. Containing twenty acres, be there more or less.

1806. "Received Kinderhook, 17th Oct., 1806, of Jacob (Sic. E. P. M.) Enos, one of the possessors of land in the Pattent of Mawighneuk, the sum of Three hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-one cents, being in full of the principal and interest of the sum, which by agreement, between the proprietors of the said Pattent and the possessor (s) of lands within within the same, confirmed by Act of the Legislature, passed 3d April, 1801, was charged upon the said Joseph Enos.

Witness: Elisha Gilbert.

"P. V." (an—E. P. M.) "Schack."

"P. Silvester."

"nominated by 1d comm. to receive the said monies."

"Acknowledged before Peter Sylvester, one of the Judges of the Cart" (Court E. P. M.) of Common Pleas, for the County of Columbia 17th October, 1806."

Rec'd. or Reg'd. June 9, 1808. Mort. Book C, p. 178.

1808. Joseph Enos, of Canann,

to

Commissioners Loaning Money of the County of Columbia.

Mortgage.

Dated July 7, 1808. Mort. Book 13, p. 98.
Amt. £100. Covers 2 a.+ Canaan.
Paid May 10, 1814.

1809. Joseph Enos, of Canaan,

to

Samuel Jones, of Canaan.

Mortgage.
Dated May 25, 1809. Proved Aug. 16, 1809.
Amt. £250.
Rec'd or Reg'd Aug. 18, 1809. Mort. Book C, p. 408.
Covers 15 ac. Canaan.

Satisfied Ap. 15, 1814; ack'd. Entered Ap. 5, 1814.
Mort. Book C, p. 409.

1811. Joseph Enos, of Canaan,

to

Jonathan I. Sweet, of Stephentown, and Britain Chase, of Canaan.

Mortgage.
Dated Mar. 19, 1811. Amt. £300.
Prov'd Ap. 2, 1811.
Reg'd May 25, 1811. Mort. Book C, p. 707.
Covers 2 ac.+ Canaan.

Satisfied by Jonathan I. Sweet and Elenor Chase July 12., 1823.

Ack'd. Rec'd Feb. 24, 1827. Mort. Book C, p. 708.

1811. Joseph Enos and wife,
Thankful, of Canaan,
to
Joseph Davis, of Canaan.

Mortgage.
Dated Sept. 10, 1811.
Ack'd Sept. 17, 1811. Amt. £918.
Reg'd Sept. 27, 1811. Mort. Book D, p. 23.
Mortg. 16 a.+ and 6½ a. Canaan.

1812. Joseph Enos, of Canaan,
to
John Tilden, of ———

Mortgage.
Dated Aug. 15, 1812. Amt. £255.
Proved Aug. 15, 1812.
Reg'd Aug. 26, 1812. Mort. Book D, p. 146.
Mortg. 21 ac.+ in Canaan.

Hudson, N. Y., Ap. 7, 1904.

"Dr. Richard Bentley was a Capt. in the Royalist army in England and died while a prisoner in the hands of the enemy.

The Bentleys suffered in fortune for their attachment to the Cavalier party, but Thomas Bentley (Richard's father) still owned a small estate at Woodlesford, a village in the parish of Rothwell, near Wakefield, Yorkshire.

Dr. Richard had two brothers, Thomas, Jr. and James, who emigrated to America and settled in Rhode Island in 1720. James, not being satisfied returned."

Thomas, Jr. (b. 1680; d. 1778) remained in R. I. and

was the progenetor of a very numerous and respected line of descendants. He had three sons, Wm., Benjamin and Caleb.

The eldest son, Wm. Bentley (I assume), m. Miss Tillinghast; had four sons, Tillinghast, Wm., Tabor and Pardon.

(In history of Washington Co., R. I., I find notice of the death of Pardon Tillinghast (son of elder Pardon Tillinghast), in Providence, R. I., 29 Jan. 1718, and from this I infer that the wife of Wm. Bentley gave to one of her sons, her father's given name and to another, gave her family name.)

Pardon Bentley m. Ruth ——?: had 11 children, viz.: 1. Margaret. 2. Pardon, Jr. 3. Thomas. 4. Wm. 5. John. 6. Charles. 7. Augustus 8. Solomon. 9. Stephen. 10. Elizabeth. 11. Susan.

The third son, Wm., b. 18 Feb., 1767, m., but the maiden name of his first wife is unknown to me.

Their children were: 1. Jerusha; d. 3 years old. 2. Olive; m. Peter Capwell and had a son, Albert C. Capwell, for many years a lawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y. 3. Wm. Bentley, Jr. (This branch alone would make quite a history.) He was a tanner and shoe maker in Westerlo, N. Y. in the 30's. Was known as Judge Bentley by the farmers there, holding the office of Justice of the Peace, and was twice Supervisor of Westerlo. Was a democrat in politics. He moved to Onondago Co., N. Y., where he d. about 1841. Has a grandson, Floyd F. Bentley living at Baldwinsville, N. Y.

Wm.; b. 1767; m. as his second wife, on 3 Dec., 1795, Abigail Hopkins, widow of Isaac Hopkins and daughter of Elisha Smith of North East, Duchess Co., N. Y. Wm. d. in Westerlo, Albany Co., N. Y., 24 Sept., 1820. His widow m. James Slade in Dec., 1827, and d. in 1840.

Wm. and Abigail had eight children, viz.:

(1). Amanda; m. John Winston 8 Oct., 1817. Both were born in Westerlo, N. Y.; lived in Chenango Co., N. Y., for a while, then moved to Evansville, Wis., where a son, Nelson Winston, now resides. Is a banker. Amanda was the mother of 12 children.

(2). Alvah; m. in Westerlo, 14 Sept., 1824, Margaret, dau. of David and Judith (Stanton) Winston; b. 26 June, 1804. The family moved to Mich., where he d. in 1873. She d. 6 April, 1885 in Palmyra, N. Y. Jasper Bentley, a son, resides at La Peer, Mich. I am told that a grand-daughter of Alvah is the wife of Supreme-Court Judge J. B. Moore.

(3). Harriet; d. young.

(4). Abigail; m. Rr. Reuben Winston, 23 Aug., 1880. Moved to La Crosse, Wis. Had several children.

(5): Geo. H.; m. Almira Lawrence. Both died at the old homestead in Westerlo. They were the grand-parents of Mr. Willis Bentley of Albany, N. Y. Geo. H. had only one child, Charles, who m. Priscilla Baker, 14 Oct., 1851. He was b. in Westerlo, 22 Aug., 1831; d. in Cambridge, Neb., 28 July, 1899. She, b. in Westerlo, 17 Nov. 1832, where she d. 21 Dec., 1879. Their children were:

1. Fanny Ada; b. 19 Nov., 1854; d. in July, 1866.

2. Geo.; b. 24 Jan., 1857; m. Rozelle L. Tallmadge in Westerlo, 20 Feb., 1877. Moved to Nebraska in 1883. Had, Fred E. Bentley; b. 8 Dec., 1878, and Charles L.; b. Dec. 1880. Fred E. m. Miss Ogg in Bartley, Neb. in 1899 or 1900; have Beatrice, b. 1902 and a son b. 1905.

3. Charles L.; not married. Is an electrician at Colorado Springs.

4. Edward W.; b. March, 1859; d. June, 1866.

5. Willis; b. 12 May, 1868; m. Cora Winegard of Westerlo, 4 Feb., 1891; resides in Albany and has a

dau. Inez; b. 19 March, 1892; an infant son, Geo. W., b. 19 Nov., 1904, d. 1 Dec., 1904.

(6 & 7). Edward S. (died in infancy) and Edwin Smith were twins.

Edwin Smith Bentley: b. 6 Dec., 1810; m. Nancy Maria Gallup; b. 10 Sept., 1812. They resided in Gallupville until about 1866, when I am told they removed to La Crosse, Wis. These were the parents of Gen'l C. S. Bentley of Chicago and of E. E. Bentley, President of Batavian National Bank of La Crosse, Wis. (The parents of Nancy Gallup Bentley were Nathan Gallup of Gallupville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., and Nancy Morgan; b. 24 July, 1789; m. 24 Sept., 1809.)

Children of Edwin Smith Bentley:

1. Abigail Smith; b. 12 Sept., 1835; has one son, Edwin Belmont; b. 19 Nov., 1862. One son d. in infancy.

2. Clarissa Morgan; b. 3 Aug., 1837. Had one dau., Marie Elizabeth, and four sons, Charles; d. in infancy; Andrew E.; Eugene E.; and Arthur.

3. Charles Sherman; b. 23 June, 1839, at Gallupville, N. Y. Is a grain broker at Chicago, Ill.

4. Edwin Edward; b. 22 Oct., 1843; resides at La Crosse, Wis. Has: 1. Susie Mae; b. 21 Sept., 1870; m. John K. Doan and has, Dorothy, Ruth and Donald. 2. Charles Edwin; b. 16 July, 1880; m. Virginia K. Dyson, April, 1902. 3. Wayne; b. 24 March, 1882. 4. Percy Dwight; b. 30 June, 1885.

5. Wm. Irving; b. 15 Jan., 1854. Has no children living.

(8). Alex N.; b. in Westerlo, 25 July, 1814; m. 28 June, 1834, Hannah Rundle of Greenville, Greene Co., N. Y., dau. of Josiah Rundle and Abigail Leavenworth. Alex. N. d. March, 1897. Their children were:

1. Fanny E.; wife of Prof. James V. D. Ayers, of Catskill, N. Y.

2. Carrie L.; wife of P. J. Jennings of Freehold, N. Y.

3. Emily B.; wife of Rev. Geo. R. Searles, now of Lakemont, Yates Co., N. Y.

4. Julia E.; wife of Almeron Powell of Coxsackie.

5 Geo. N.; d. at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. B. Searles during the winter of 1904.

6. Wm. A.; deceased.

7. Albert C.; deceased.

8. Charles E.; resides at Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. Alex N. Bentley was greatly interested in genealogical search and was the correspondent of Elias (5) Bentley, son of John (4), Tillinghast (3), Wm. (2), Thomas (1).

The following is a copy of a letter written by Cyrus Bentley to Alexander N. Bentley in 1855, which will greatly interest many Bentley descendants.

Sandy Creek, N. Y., March 15, 1855.

Alexander N. Bentley, Esq.,
Greenville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—I have seen two letters of yours soliciting information in regard to the family of Bentleys to which we both belong, and as I think I feel as much interested as you do in the matter, I take the liberty to address you on the subject though your letters were not addressed to me. Some 31 or 32 years ago I read in an old volume of the British Encyclopedia, a biography of Dr. Richard Bentley, a great literary celebrity of England, contemporary with Pope, in which it was

stated that his two brothers, Thomas and James, emigrated to Rhode Island in 1720.

Thereon I founded the hope that by some means I might sometime be able to construct a genealogy pretty well extended back, as my father could only remember the name of his grandfather, Wm. Bentley, and had no record of that even, until a year ago last fall, when I visited the "Old Patriarch" at Constantina, N. Y., "Gideon Bentley". He died this winter in his 110th year. As his mind and memory were remarkably good, his account of the Bentleys was very interesting to me and may be so to you, so I give it to you.

He said that the Thomas and James referred to were brothers of Dr. Richard Bentley, and that Thomas was his grandfather; that the brother James not liking America returned to England; that Thomas had three sons, Benjamin, William and Caleb (Gideon was son of Benjamin).

William had four sons, Tillinghast, William, Tabor and Pardon; that Tillinghast was my grandfather, and Pardon yours. How are you, Cousin?

Gideon said that he was intimately acquainted with our grandfather's children, his own cousins; was born and lived in the same town with them in Rhode Island, and moved to Dutchess Co., this state, about the same time they did. He said, "Write the young man (meaning you) and tell him that his grandfather Pardon and I played together many a day when lads."

Gideon Bentley has done much to extend the name of Bentley as he had ten sons and four daughters who have a numerous progeny, counting up to nearly three hundred. My father's name was John, and I was his eighth son, having a brother younger.

I have eight children, four sons, four daughters, and lost one daughter. If this long-delayed letter is such

as you desire and you can correct any errors in it or add any information on the subject, I would like an answer at your convenience. I am suffering debility from long sickness and am tired, so I will close.

Yours in behalf of the Bentleys,

(Signed), Elias Bentley.

FROM JOHN OTIS BENTLEY, NORTH MILTON, SARATOGA CO., N. Y.

"I am very glad to give you all assistance possible, but I fear it will not be as satisfactory as you desire. There is a John H. Bentley living at Greenfield Center, Saratoga Co., N. Y., whose ancestors, I understand, came from Rensselaer Co., N. Y.—also Andrew and Isaac Bentley in Saratoga Springs—from a different branch—distant relatives.

I have endeavored to gain the information asked for by you, but did not succeed to my satisfaction. I went to see one Jesse Bentley, son of Charles; son of Geo., Sr. He could give me no trace of the Shaws nor the maiden name of his grandmother. Charles (Geo., Sr.) m. Betsey Bowen. Jessie (Geo., Sr.) m. Eunice Maria Steadman; had a son Isaac Bentley. I also went to see Andrew Bentley, grandson of Abraham (Geo., Sr.) with no better success. Geo. Bentley, Sr. was brother to John Bentley (my grandfather).

I (John Otis Bentley), the eighth child of Otis Bentley, was b. 16 Nov., 1830; m. Sarah Emigh.

My father was Otis Bentley, b. 28 Oct., 1794, at Milton, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; d. 8 April, 1894, at Milton. He m. 4 July, 1815, at Milton, Theodosia Huling, b. 3 Nov., 1792, at Beekman, Dutchess Co., N. Y.; d. 8 April, 1849; dau. of John Huling and Charity Eighmy, his wife. My

father was a farmer, in politics a Whig and in religion a Baptist. Their children were:

1. Thankful Uretta Bentley, b. 12 Jan'y, 1817, m. Geo. C. Taylor.
2. Amy Charity, b. 15 Aug., 1818.
3. Mary Ann, b. 21 July, 1820; m. Jeremiah Eighmy.
4. Susan Maria, b. 13 Sept., 1822.
5. Orilla Emily, b. 16 Feb'y, 1825; m. John P. Miner.
6. Sarah Jane, b. 2 July, 1827; m. Edward Cornwell.
7. Theodosia H., b. 13 April, 1829.
8. John Otis, b. 16 Nov., 1830; m. Sarah Emigh.
9. Henrietta, b. 8 April, 1833.

The father of Otis Bentley was John Bentley (my grandfather), b. 3 Dec., 1756, in Rhode Island; d. 25 July, 1830, in Milton, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; came to Milton in 1783 or 1784 from near Renseelaer Co. He m. Thankful Ballon, b. 18 March, 1767, in Rhode Island; d. 12 Nov., 1830, in Milton.

My father's name was Otis Bentley; his father was John Bentley; his father was Tillinghast Bentley; his father was Wm Bentley; his father was Joseph Bentley.

From Sylvester's, Saratoga Co., I copied the following:

"Otis Bentley, Milton, Saratoga Co., N. Y., 84 years old (1878. His father, John Bentley, came to Milton 1778-79. At that time there was only one house at Saratoga Springs. He took up 150 acres of land and set out an orchard over 100 years ago. In 1878 one tree was still left—still bearing. The children of John Bentley by his first wife Sarah were:

Sarah, who became Mrs. Snyder, of Milton.

Catherine, who became Mrs. Green, of Clifton Park.

Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Tillinghast Bentley, of Milton.

Charity, who became Mrs. Southwick, of Greenfield.

Patience, who became Mrs. John Bentley, of Troy.

John settled in Greenfield; Abel in Oswego County.

By John's second wife he had Otis Bentley and seven other sons, all of whom removed to Oswego Co., viz.: David, Pardon, Stephen, Adam, Elias, Gregory and Reuben.

After copying the above I wrote Mr. John Otis Bentley, asking for parentage of Bentleys who married into the family of John Bentley. He answers:

"My reason for thinking Tillinghast Bentley, who married Elizabeth, was son of Tabor is that I never saw or heard my father speak of any uncles other than George and Tabor. I can just remember them. Tillinghast and Tabor lived and died nearby. I am told that Geo. Bentley, Sr. was wounded in the Revolutionary War and left for dead on the field of battle, but was found next day alive and carried to the house of a Tory, where he was nursed back to life and afterward married the daughter of the Tory."

I asked Mr. John Bentley if he thought it possible that his grandfather, John Bentley, could have been the John (George) who m. Patience Shaw. He replied:

"You are wrong. My grandfather John and his brother Geo., Sr. were sons of Tillinghast and Sarah (Thomas) Bentley, who were married in 1754. John Bentley, who m. Patience Shaw in 1747, is another branch. Must be." (The line of this correspondent as he gives it is John Otis, Otis, b. 1794; John, Tillinghast, William, Joseph.)

(If correct, who can give parentage of Joseph, also name and addres of any descendants of Tillinghast and William?)

I have corresponded with a Bentley descendant whose name I have no permission to use. He assumes that his

line of descent is from Thomas Bentley, Jr., a brother of Dr. Richard Bentley, the English divine. (See "Life of Dr. Richard Bentley," by R. C. Jebb. Published by Harper Bros., New York.)

He says: "Dr. Richard Bentley had two brothers, Thomas, Jr., and James, who emigrated to America and settled in Rhode Island in 1720. James not liking America returned. Thomas, Jr., remained in Rhode Island and was the progenitor of a very numerous and respected line of descendants. His sons were William (my ancestor), Benjamin and Caleb. I have met Bentleys who insisted I was wrong regarding the pioneers Thomas, Jr., and James coming to this country, as their records read that three brothers came to America, viz.: William, Benjamin and Caleb. That may be so, as they might all have been born in England and come with their father Thomas. another has a copy of a letter written by Rev. David Niles Bentley, of Norwich, Conn., who was at that time past 80 years of age and a retired Methodist minister. He says in this letter that he is grandson of Caleb Bentley, who was the youngest of the three brothers, sons of Thomas, Jr., the pioneer, saying that this Caleb had four sons, viz.: John, George, Caleb and Ezekiel. John settled in Hoosick, N. Y.; George in Stonington, Conn.; Caleb at or near Stonington, and that he (Rev. David) was a son of Ezekiel; that his father Ezekiel died in 1834 aged 97 years. He also says that his uncle George, of Stonington, had a son Caleb, whi settled in Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and built the first mills there. New York Gazetteer, published by French in 1860 gives the name of first mill builder at Berlin as Caleb Bentley."

From Mrs. Henry Bentley, who, with her family, formerly lived in Greenfield, Saratoga County, N. Y.

She is Ruth, dau. of Sylvanus Shaw, b. in Providence, R. I., and Sally Dennis, his wife. Her paternal grandfather was Barnibus Shaw, b. at Providence, R. I., and Liddy Dennis, his wife.

The children of Henry Bentley and wife (Ruth Shaw), all born in Greenfield, N. Y., were:

1. William H., deceased.
2. Mary A.
3. Isaac.
4. Rosa L.
5. John H.; resides in San Jose, Calif.
6. Polly J.
7. William A.
8. Lucian E.
9. Nathaniel.
10. Joseph J.
11. Sally O., deceased.
12. Lida M.
13. Helen E.
14. James H.

Sons Nos. 5, 9 and 10 were in the War of the Rebellion.

The parents of Henry Bentley were Geo. Bentley, Jr., born in town of Greenfield, N. Y., and Polly Hewitt, also born in Greenfield.

Their children were Asa, Abraham, Hector, Henry—all born in Greenfield and all have passed to "the other side."

The father of Geo. Bentley, Jr., was Geo. Bentley, Sr. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Maiden name of wife not known. Their children were Geo., Jr., Abraham, Charles, Isaac and Betsey, who m. Mr. Fritz.

The family of Henry Bentley and of John Otis Bentley are related. Geo., Sr. was brother of John Bentley, grandfather of John Otis Bentley.

Wanted—Maiden name of wife of Geo. Bentley, Sr.

FROM RHODE ISLAND COLLECTIONS OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY. VOL 6, p. 90.

"In the invasion of Canada in 1775 under Col. Benedict Arnold, we find among other names, that of Sylvanus Shaw, of Newport, R. I., who was taken prisoner at Quebec 1 Jan'y, 1776.

"Lieut. Sylvanus Shaw of Newport, R. I., was one of the officers recommended by Washington to the favorable consideration of the General Assembly of Rhode Island. After returning from his captivity in Quebec, he was commissioned Captain, and commanded a company under Col. Christopher Green, at Red Bank.

"He was killed in battle 12 Oct. 1777."

(Probably the great grandfather of Ruth Shaw Bentley.)

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN NORWICH, CONN.

"About the Bentley line of my ancestors I know absolutely nothing. My grandfather, John Shaw, b. 15 March, 1788, m. Mary Cowles, of Farmington, Conn., b. 5 June, 1794, m. 27 Sept., 1812.

John Bentley Shaw, my father, was b. 10 July, 1813, in Saratoga County, N. Y., and my second oldest brother was named Bentley Shaw, so it does seem that my father must have known it to be a family name.

Wanted—The lost link connecting the Bentley-Shaw families.

FROM HENRY W. BENTLEY, COUNSELOR AT AT LAW.

Boonville, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1905.

Replying to your very interesting communication of the 20th inst., I confess my utter inability to solve the problem as to Ezekiel Bentley. Your suggestion as to the Ezekiel, son of George, son of Thomas, brother of the celebrated Dr. Richard Bentley, involves a complication which I cannot get straightened out.

Richard Bentley was a son of the second marriage of his father made "late in life." Richard was born in 1662, and the Thomas you quote, who came with William, Jr., and James, of Providence Plantation, R. I., May 6, 1712, would make Thomas, as a half-brother of Richard, about 90 years old, quite too old for an immigrant. Dr. Titus is of the opinion that the Thomas referred to was a grandson of the brother of Richard.

You may have observed that the William Bentley, of Kingston, R. I., who died 1760 and who married Mary Elliot April 21, 1703, had, among other children, John, George, Caleb, Ezekiel. The Ezekiel born 1738 at Stonington and married Anna Chapman and died February 3, 1834, can hardly be identical with the son of William Bentley, who died 1760, for that Ezekiel was born of the marriage to Mary Elliot, whereas William married Bathesheba Lewis in 1734, as you have observed the Ezekiel who married Anna Chapman was born 1738.

It seems a very remarkable coincidence, if true, that Caleb, the son of Thomas, should have had four sons named John, George, Caleb and Ezekiel.

You note Ezekiel, son of George, born 1746 married Elizabeth Chapman. Do you find anything about the Ezekiel Bentley stated in Vol. 5 of "Vital Records of

R. L. Hopkinton Records" as married to Alice Sabine September 16, 1765?

I am much mystified by the paragraph you quote from the Rensselaer County History "Zadock T. Bentley was one of Berlin's representative men." My father's name was Zadock Tilton Bentley, who was born at Easton, N. Y., August 8, 1807. He must have come to De Ruyter with his father as early as 1811, for his sister Harriet was born there November 8, 1811. I have never heard of any other Bentley of the same name, and my father was a man so widely known that had there been it would almost seem as though I must have heard it.

I find a letter written by Rev. Edward W. Bentley February, 1861, then of Ellenville, N. Y., who seems to have given some attention to the family history and who was a graduate of Yale, 1850, and of the Connecticut Theological University, 1854, in which he states as follows:

"In my investigations thus far I have discovered the following facts, namely, that Thomas Bentley (a brother of the famous English divine, Dr. Richard Bentley) migrated to Rhode Island about 1720. He had three sons, William, Benjamin and Caleb. William had four sons, Tillinghast, William, Jabez and Pardon. Benjamin was the father of Gideon Bentley, who died in 1859 at Constantia, Oswego Co., N. Y., aged 108 years. Caleb had four sons, John, George, Caleb and Ezekiel."

You will note the singularity of the fact that these four sons of Caleb are identical in name with the four sons of the William who married Mary Elliot. It is unlikely but not impossible that the Ezekiel of the Pension Office was this son of Caleb, who would be the grandson of Thomas who migrated in 1720 because, as we have seen, the pesioner was born in 1739.

There is some uncertainty as to whether Ezekiel

Bentley in my list was twice married a problem I have been studying upon and am greatly in doubt about. I shall be happy indeed to be furnished with a copy of your completed work and with any additional information you may be able to secure in regard to the identity of Ezekiel Bentley, the pensioner with the one who married Alice Sabine. Yours very respectfully,

H. W. BENTLEY.

BENTLEY.

1. WILLIAM BENTLEY, b. 1588; came to Boston in ship "True Love" 1635; listed as aged 47; with John, aged 17, and Alice, aged 15.
2. JOHN BENTLEY, b. 1618; came to Boston on ship "True Love" 1635; with his father William and sister Alice.
3. WILLIAM BENTLEY, d. Kings Town, R. I., 1691. (Bennetts Bentley Fam.)
4. WILLIAM BENTLEY, d. 1720, Kings Town, R. I. (Munsell's Table.) He was a currier. In 1679 with 41 others petitioned the King; 1687 taxed; 1705 grant; 1712 deeds with wife Sarah; 1714 deeded 11 acres; 1715 deeds same to son Thomas; 1720 will executed and proved, gives to sons William, James, Thomas and Benjamin and to daughter Jane.
5. WILLIAM BENTLEY, Kings Town, R. I. (Munsell's Table) d. 1760; m. (1) Mary Elliott Apr. 21, 1703, by whom had children, viz: John, George, Caleb, Ezekiel, Tabitha, Ruhama, Mary; m. (2) Bathsheba Lewis Aug. 1, 1734, by whom had William.

Thomas, Greene, Benjamin. Married first wife at Stonington, Conn. Will dated Aug. 18, 1748; proven Aug. 12, 1760; names all of above children.

6. CALEB BENTLEY. A letter from Rev. Edward W. Bentley (Yale, class of 1850), dated Feb. 9, 1861, says that Caleb Bentley had four sons, John, George, Caleb and Ezekiel. It seems altogether probable that this Caleb was the son of William (5) and that he named his children for his four brothers, sons of the marriage to Mary Elliott.

7. EZEKIEL BENTLEY, b. 1738; d. Stonington, Conn., 1834; m. Sept. 16, 1765, to Alice Sabin (Richmond Marriage Record, Vital Rec. of R. I.); enlisted in Rev. War 1775; discharged for disability 1776; m. (2) Anna Chapman Jan. 25, 1778; pensioned 1832; pension continued to widow. (Records Pension Office.) Three sons by first marriage, viz.:

   1. Elias, d. Rensselaer Co., N. Y.
   2. Augustus, removed from Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y., about 1830 to Eden, N. Y., where he died soon after, leaving sons Pardon and George, who removed with their mother to Michigan.
   3. Jonathan, b. 1774. (Poste.)

8. JONATHAN BENTLEY, b. Hopkinton, R. I., June 3, 1774; d. De Ruyter, N. Y.; Dec. 19,

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B The Rev. Asa Coon supplied the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., on July 3 to Oct. 22, 1801, having been preceded by Rev. Wm. Coon who died 18 Jan'y, 1801.

Augustus Bentley, a farmer; b. about 1770, at Richmond, R. I.; d. about 1835 at Eden, Erie Co., N. Y.; m. Thankful Tefft, b. 1778, d. 1850, dau. of Pardon Tefft. Children:

1. Pardon Tefft Bentley; b. 7 Aug., 1798, at Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y.; m. 28 May, 1820, at Greenwich, Harriet Place, b. 31 Jan'y, 1802, at Greenwich, dau. of Solomon Place and Martha Hurd, his wife, of Union Village, Washington Co., N. Y. Children:

1. Martha Hurd Bentley; b. 17 July, 1821; m. Erastus Harris.

2. Pauline Cottrell; resides at Mankota, Minn., b. at Easton, Washington Co., 9 April, 1823; m. Moses Tyler, 29 March 1846. He b. 11 Dec., 1828, in Erie Co., N. Y.; d. 23 Sept., 1863; son of Isaac Tyler and Clarissa Green.

Their children are: 1. Charles Tyler; b. 7 July, 1847. 2. Evelyn; b. 1 Dec., 1848; m. Jacob Paff. 3. Ellis; b. 8 July, 1850; m. Clara Chamberlain. 4. Burton; b. 21 April, 1852; m. May Finch. 5. Pardon; b. 25 Jan'y, 1854. 6. Metta; b. 14 Dec., 1855; m. Ben Ferris. 7. Herbert; b. 4 May, 1858. 8. Clark; b. 19 March, 1860; m. Haldon Soot. 9. Elsie; b. 14 April, 1862; m. Lew Austin.

3. Charles Ford; b. 1 Dec., 1824; m. Fanny Stow.

4. Solomon Place; b. 25 March, 1827; m. Mary Campbell.

5. Morgan Augustus; b. 23 July, 1829; unmarried.

6. Edward Barber; b. 7 Nov., 1831; m. Elizabeth Horsfall.

7. John Carter; b. —, 1834; unmarried.

8. Harriet Eliza; b. 13 June, 1836; m. in July, 1860, Andrew Jewett.

2. Elsie, m. Sterling Mallory.

3. Betsey; unmarried.

4. Sabins; m. Phoebe Ross.

5. Amy; m. James Patterson.

6. Katie; m. John Ross.

7. George; m. Martha Lumbard.

8. Thankful; m. James Lumbard.

9. Ezekiel; m. Phoebe McLure.

1841; m. June 3, 1804, to Judith (dau. of Rev. Asa and Judith) Stillman Coon, b. Dec. 12, 1785; d. Apr. 12, 1867. Children, viz.:

1. Hampton S. See VIII. (1).
2. Zadock T. See VIII. (2).
3. J. Stillman. See VIII. (3).
4. Harriet T., b. De Ruyter, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1811; m. Aug., 1831, Alanson Eggleston; d. Apr. 8, 1864.
5. Hiram W., b. Oct. 18, 1813; m. March 19, 1840; d. Nov. 24, 1884; had dau. Antoinette who died unmarried.
6. Artemas V. See VIII. (6).
7. Elizabeth C. See VIII. (7).

9. ZADOCK TILTON BENTLEY, VIII. (2): lawyer, brigadier-general, prominent New York Democratic affairs; b. Easton, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1807; later resided at De Ruyter, Morrisville and Oneida, N. Y.; d. Oneida, N. Y., July 2, 1870; m. (1) Dec. 11, 1833, Lucy Caroline (dau. of William) Gardner, b. Sept. 11, 1807; d. Oct. 25, 1838, by whom had children (1) Louis T. and (2) Henry W. (see below); m. (2) Sept. 15, 1839, Cornelia Cook (dau. of Deacon Nathaniel) Smith, b. Aug. 25, 1817; d. Apr. 10, 1862; m. (3) March 7, 1865, Margaret Stewart, b. Oct. 12, 1830; d. Dec. 27, 1903.

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* Wm. Gardner (5) b. 24 Feb'y, 1765, in Rhode Island, d. 6 Aug., 1846, at DeRuyter, N. Y.; was son of Job Gardner (4) (Nathaniel (3), Benoni (2), George (1)) and Ann Fry. Wm. Gardner (5) m. Mercy Higgenbothan in 1793. They settled in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and moved to DeRuyter, N. Y., 8 Feb'y, 1811.

9. (1) Louis Tilton Bentley, b. De Ruyter, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1835; d. New York City June 11, 1894; m. at Skaneateles, N. Y., to Emma Amelia Croszier, b. Nov. 12, 1843; children viz.:

(a) Louis Willard Bentley, b. May 24, 1862.

(b) Henry Wilber Bentley (2) b. Dec. 12, 1871; d. May 31, 1895.

(c) Nellie V., b. Aug. 27, 1875; d. Feb. 8, 1898; unmarried.

9. (2) Henry W. Bentley. (See below X.)

10. HENRY WILBER BENTLEY. Resides Boonville, N. Y.; lawyer (judge, M. C.); b. De Ruyter, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1838; m. June 24, 1862, to Mary M. (dau. of A. B.) Dickerman at Trumansburg, N. Y.

10. (1) Eleanor Marguerite Bentley, b. Apr. 11, 1884, Boonville, N. Y.

8. (1) HAMPTON S. BENTLEY, b. Aug. 29, 1805, at Easton, N. Y.; m. Jan. 1, 1834, Eliza Holmes, (b. Apr. 14, 1804; d. July 11, 1876); d. March 25, 1864. Children:

(a) John C., b. June 5, 1836; d. Feb. 22, 1863; unmarried.

(b) Frederick T., b. June 29, 1841; d. July 30, 1864; unmarried; killed before Petersburg, Va.

(c) George W., b. Aug. 16, 1845; d. July 22, 1867; unmarried.

(d) Lucius H., b. Apr. 8, 1848; m. May 12, 1868, to Alice J. Sessions; lives in Durand, Mich. Children:

1. Jessie M., b. Apr. 4, 1869.

2. Jennie L., b. Jan. 20, 1876; d. May 25, 1876.
3. Bertha A., b. Nov. 19, 1878; m. Apr. 28, 1897, to George Salsbury. Children:
1. Roland Salisbury, b. Feb. 25, 1902.

8. (6) ARTEMAS VARNUM BENTLEY, b. July 15, 1816, at De Ruyter, N. Y., where he was lawyer, justice and for 25 years postmaster; d. Syracuse, N. Y., Apr. 2, 1891; m. June 19, 1842, to Katharine Smith, d Oct. 2, 1888. Children:
1. Lucia M:, b. Sept. 2, 1846; d. May 10, 1892; m. W. G. Smith
2. George Birthier, b. June 27, 1849; d. Oct. 30, 1890; m. Ella Jones. Children:
(a) Georgia Ella, b. Feb. 13, 1881.
(b) Robert Hoxsie, b. June, 1887; resides Chicago, Ill.
3. Mary E., b. De Ruyter, N. Y., Aug. 26; m. June 19, 1872, John S. Hoxsie.

8. (7) ELIZABETH C. BENTLEY, b. Nov. 16, 1820; m. Feb. 14, 1839, to Nelson W. Smith (b. 1817; d. 1891); d. March 3. 1898. Children:
1. Elsie C. Smith, b. Apr. 26, 1845; lives at Grand Rapids, Mich.
2. Josephine Smith, b. Jan. 21, 1848; d. July 8, 1879; m. ——— Johnson. Children:
(a) Marion Johnson, b. Sept. 20, 1870.

(b) Lewis Johnson, b. Dec. 20, 1868; d. July 4, 1879.

As to your queries in regard to my knowledge of the Gardner family all that I can give you in respect to the subject is as follows: Job Gardner[1] (Nathaniel[2], Benoni[3], George[4]) and Anna Fry were married December 6, 1747. They had children, Nathaniel, James, George, Samuel, Augustus, William, Benjamin, Mary, Ann and Hannah. They resided in Frenchtown, owned or worked a farm at Greenwich mills, R. I., moved to Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. In a journal purporting to be kept by Job Gardner has been found this entry: "Henry Stevens, commander of the sloop 'Ranger,' set sail April 21, 1745, in Rhode Island; journal kept by me, Job Gardner. Journal of our return home first in the sloop 'Ranger' kept by Henry Stevens, commander, from Ratton, Lat. 15 25 N., Long. 26 10 W., in Block Island, August 18, 1745, and kept by me, Job Gardner, then mate of the vessel." Son of above Job, William Gardner, was born Feb. 24, 1765; died Aug. 6, 1846, at De Ruyter, N. Y.; married Mercy Higginbothan in 1793, who was born Aug. 8, 1765, and died Oct., 1824. They settled in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., and moved to De Ruyter, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1811. They had children, viz.:

Eliza Gardner, b. July 3, 1795; m. Feb. 18, 1815, to Ichabod L. Gage; d. Sept. 30, 1854.

Mary Ann Gardner, b. May 19, 1797; m. May, 1815, to Nathan B. Wilber; d. April 21, 1872.

Niles H. Gardner, b. May 5, 1799; m. 1836 to Eliza Waters; d. Dec. 29, 1865.

William Charles Gardner, b. Sept. 30, 1802; m. (1) Jan. 13, 1825, to Amelia Sims; (2) June 15, 1829, to Orinda Lake; d. Aug. 25, 1870.

Miranda Barnwell Gardner, b. Feb. 20, 1804; d. Oct. 20, 1873; unmarried.

Roxy Ann Gardner, b. Nov. 21, 1806; m. Nathan Smith Jan. 22, 1824; d. July, 1879.

Augustus Sands Gardner, b. June 5, 1808; m. Abigail Merchant June 28, 1832; d. Nov., 1886.

Henry Albert Gardner, b. Feb. 14, 1810; m. Minerva Calkins March 4, 1840; d. Dec. 5, 1853.

Lucy Caroline Gardner, b. Sept. 11, 1811; m. Zadock T. Bentley Dec. 11, 1833; d. Oct. 26, 1838.

Harriet Newell Gardner, b. Jan. 13, 1817; d. April 11, 1838."

Very truly yours,
Henry W. Bentley.

FROM MRS. JOHN C. MORGAN, NORWICH, CONN.

"I am glad to give you any inforamtion possible, but I fear it is but slight. I am not a descendant of Rev. David Niles Bentley, but of his brother, George Washington Bentley, my mother being his daughter, Frances. I can refer you to Mrs. Geo. B. Gladden, of Riverside, Calif., who is the daughter of Harriet, Uncle David's oldest child; also to Mary, the youngest daughter, who married Mr. Henry M. Witter, of Worcester, Mass. All of the other children of David Niles Bentley are dead. A year ago last summer George W. shot himself in the family burial lot and was found the next morning on his daughter's grave (1903). My great grandfather, Ezekiel Bentley, died in North Stonington, Conn., Feb. 3, 1834, in the 97th year of his age. Anna Chapman, wife of Ezekiel Bentley, died Oct. 5, 1853, aged 97 years. They both lived with my grandfather and were buried on his farm. I copied the inscriptions from their gravestones. Ezekiel Bentley drew a pension for nine months' service as a private in Connecticut troops. He enlisted at North Ston-

ington, Conn., and part of the time served under Capt. Pierce and Col. Lippitt. From the history of Stonington by Richard A. Wheeler I find, "William Bentley, second, married Mary Elliott." Their fourth son was Ezekiel, who, I think, was the father of David Niles Bentley.

My uncle, Henry Bentley, who is the oldest living child of my grandfather, is in his 92d year and can give little, if any, help. He distinctly remembers when he was a little boy—a family party going on a trip to Watch Hill and on the way home stopping at his Aunt Tabitha's. He also remembers his father, Ezekiel, telling, when he was a young man, of going to New York State with his brothers and sisters and starting a sheep farm, but he (Ezekiel) not caring to stay sold out his share to his brothers and came back to Stonington. I did not think at the time to ask Uncle Henry for the names of his brothers and I hardly think he could have told me. I was called suddenly to Mystic on Tuesday (February, 1904) to the funeral of a cousin of my grandfather. Her name was Lucy Stanton Wheeler. Her father was a brother to my great grandmother, Anna Stanton. Aunt Lucy, as we always have called her, was 97 years old and a real Daughter of the Revolution. Uncle Henry also lives in Mystic, New London Co., Conn. I wish that I saw my way straight to Colonial Dames, but I hardly expect to do so. Shall be interested to know of any success you may have. My mother knew a Capt. Daniel Bentley, who was a cousin to her father."

Mrs. John C. Morgan (Nellie F. Worcester), b. 17 Feb., 1864, at Mystic, New London Co., Conn.; m. 4 May, 1886, at Norwich, New London Co., Conn., John Calvin Morgan, b. 18 Sept., 1846, at Norwich, Conn.; son of John Avery Morgan and Sybil Beele Rawson; residence, Norwich, Conn. They have one daughter, Frances Sybil Morgan, b. 6 Jan., 1891.

Her mother, Frances Bentley, b. 14 Oct., 1830, at North Stonington, Conn.; m. 31 May, 1857, at Norwich, Conn., Rev. James Madison Worcester, a Methodist minister, b. 14 June, 1826, at Boston, Mass.; d. 30 May, 1878, at Griswold, New London Co., Conn.; son of Alpheus Worcester and Hannah Bubier. Their children:

1. Anna Louise Worcester, b. 23 March, 1858.
2. Minnie Hattie Worcester, b. 12 March, 1860; d. 17 Aug., 1883.
3. Nellie Frances Worcester, b. 17 Feb., 1864; m. John Calvin Morgan.
4. Charles Bentley Worcester, b. 25 Dec., 1868; d. 19 Sept., 1871.
5. Lucia Stanton Worcester, b. 26 Aug., 1872.

The father of Frances Bentley was George Washington Bentley, married Anna Williams. Resided and is buried at North Stonington, Conn.

The father of George Washington Bentley was Ezekiel Bentley, b. about 1738; m. Anna, eldest dau. of Joseph Chapman, of Groton, now Ledyard. Ezekiel d. in North Stonington, Conn., 3 Feb., 1834. He was a Revolutionary pensioner.

The father of Ezekiel Bentley (according to a letter written by Rev. David Niles Bentley in 1850) was Caleb Bentley. (If any descendant can give further information of this Caleb Bentley that person would do a kindly act by writing the same either to Mrs. John C. Morgan, Norwich, Conn., or to the compiler.)

The father of Caleb Bentley (according to same source) was Thomas Bentley, Jr., the pioneer of Rhode Island.

Children of Ezekiel and Anna Chapman Bentley:

1. William Bentley; m. Lucy Newton and had children:

   1. David.
   2. Joseph.
   3. Johanna.
   4. Gilbert.
   5. William.
   6. Charles Henry.
   7. Oliver.
   8. Mary.

2. George Washington Bentley; m. Anna Stanton Williams, b. 5 Jan., 1759, who m. for her first husband Wareham Williams. Her brother, Edward Stanton, had dau., Lucy, b. 1807; m. Joseph Wheeler. Their children:

   1. George R.
   2. Henry.
   3. Charles W.
   4. Edwin.
   5. Edwin.
   6. Frances.

3. David Niles Bentley, b. 27 July, 1785, at North Stonington, Conn.; m. in fall of 1805 Lelitia, dau. of David Gardner, of Bozrah, New London Co., Conn. David Niles Bentley d. 24 June, 1884, at Chelsea, Conn.; buried at Norwich. Their children were:

   1. Harriet.
   2. Gardner.
   3. Lorenzo Dow.
   4. Ann.
   5. John Wesley.
   6. Caroline.
   7. Jane Letitia.
   8. George W.
   9. Andrew Jackson.

10. Mary.
11. Lizzie.

The fifth child, John Wesley Bentley, Acting Master, United States Army, died at his residence in Norwich 27 May, 1864. His widow, Mary Bentley d. on Saturday, 5 May, 1904, in Norwich in her 62d year. She was born in New York 28 Dec., 1842; was a prominent member of the Methodist Church. I take the following from History of Norwich:

"Rev. D. N. Bentley, for over fifty years, may be regarded as the main pillar of the Methodist Church in Chelsea, Conn. In 1811 a church was organized at Mr. Bentley's house, of 11 members. His wife, Letitia Gardner, was also devoted to the same cause, assisting in the class meetings and welcoming the messengers to her home with Christian hospitality. She died in Chelsea 1 Nov., 1853, after much suffering, which she endured as 'seeing Him who is invisible.'

"Mrs. Betsey Bentley, the venerable consort of Rev. D. N. Bentley, was the fourth child of James Rogers, of Montville, Conn. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Howard, b. 9 Aug., 1790." (He evidently married a second wife.)

4. John, m. Phoebe Williams; had one son, John Stanton Bentley.

5. Lucy, m. Miner Barnes. Children:
   1. Elisha.
   2. Joseph.
   3. Kinney.
   4. Maria.
   5. Mary.

The three youngest children died while young.

I copy from a pamphlet—Bennett-Bentley, by A. S. Bennett, of Pittston, Penn. Price, $1.00:

"Caleb, third son of William by Mary Elliot, was a soldier under a Capt. Russell, who, with his company, joined the British expedition to Havana under Admiral Lord Pocock and Lord Albermarle in 1762."

A letter from Mrs. Rose B. Marvin, of Oregon, Wis., says: "I do not know my lineage, but I am descended from Caleb Bentley, who married Elizabeth Spencer, they having at least three sons, viz.: William, Isaac and Nathan. Isaac was my great grandfather, born in Rhode Island and moved to New York in 1804."

"Among the Bentleys who served in the Continental line in New York State are the names of Benjamin, Thomas and Green M. Green M. m. Diana Strait and is great grandfather to Bennett. His dau. Hannah m. at Goshen, N. Y., Ephraim Bennett, Jr. Green M. had Benjamin, Green M., Jr.; Diana, Rhoda, Hannah, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Benjamin removed to Tioga Co., Penn., with his wife, Mary Keeny, in 1803 or 1805, where she died in 1815. In the following year he remarried to Jane Ottarson, of Bradford County. She had three sons, James, Ephraim and Elisha T.

Elisha T. m. Almira Mitchell, sister of Hon. John I. Mitchell, ex-United States Senator. They had two sons, Ephraim and Solon, residing in Ithaca, N. Y., at which place Elisha T. and wife died. A dau. of Elisha T. is Mrs. Flora Mix, Hornellsville, N. Y.

Green M., Jr., b. about 1778 in Orange Co., N. Y., m. Olive Hopper; had James, George, Ezekiel, William and Elisha and Margaret m. ——— Craig. Gren M., Jr., d. about 1820—three years before his father. His eldest son m. Eunice Nichols.

George m. Lucinda Cleveland. Ezekiel never married. William m. Experience Greenough. Esther m. David

Greenough. Elisha m. Bethia Schoonover and Mary Mitchell. Eunice m. Elihu Lane and Trumbull Page.

Mr. Caleb Bentley, of Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., b. 1845, whose great grandparents were George Bentley and Ruth Barber, has in his possession old family records which he has kindly given us for publication, for which we are all indebted to the above named gentleman.

FROM MR. CALEB BENTLEY, BERLIN, RENSSELAER CO., N. Y., JUNE 24, 1904.

"Caleb Bentley was my grandfather and he was born in Rhode Island in 1742. His father was George Bentley. Caleb came to Berlin, N. Y., in 1769, and built the first two mills there. He had two wives—Mary Gardner and Mary Hewitt. By Mary Gardner he had one son, named Uriah Bentley, and he settled in Chautauqua Co., N. Y. By second wife, Mary Hewitt, he had:

1. William Bentley, b. 24 Feb., 1784.
2. Caleb Bentley, Jr., b. 6 Jan., 1786.
3. Darius Bentley, b. 12 March, 1788.
4. Cyrus Bentley, b. 15 Aug., 1790.
5. Alexander Bentley, b. 21 June, 1793.
6. Mary Bentley, b. 22 Sept., 1795.
7. Rudolphus Bentley, b. 6 Nov., 1797.
8. Betsey Bentley, b. 9 Oct., 1801.
9. Melancton Bentley, b. 10 Dec., 1803.

Melancton Bentley was my father, b. at Berlin, N. Y., 10 Dec., 1803; m. 1 March, 1828, Eliza Smith, dau. of Captain and Eunice Smith. Their children were:

1. Caroline Maria Bentley, b. 21 Feb., 1830; deceased.
2. Caroline Bentley, b. 19 May, 1833.

3. Eunice Mary Bentley, b. 23 Nov., 1836; m. Rufus Sweet; residence Stephentown, N. Y.

4. Amanda Bentley, b. 1 Jan., 1839; m. Columbus Clough; residence, Pittsfield, Mass.

On 1 March, 1844, Melancton Bentley (my father) married for his second wife Eliza, dau. of Henry and Mercy Reynolds, by whom the following children were born:

1. Caleb Bentley, b. 13 Dec., 1845; m. Emma Whitford.

2. David R. Bentley, b. 26 June, 1847; m. Flora Gorton; residence, Hancock, Mass.

3. Minnie Bentley, b. 24 July, 1850; m. Jessie Prickett; residence, Pittsfield.

4. William M. Bentley, b. 23 Feb., 1854; m. Jane Clay; residence, near Rutland, Ill.

I (Caleb Bentley) b. 13 Dec., 1845; m. 22 Oct., 1866, Emma L., dau. of David G. and Orrilly M. Whitford. She was born 4 July, 1846, at Stephentown, N. Y. The name of her maternal grandmother was Hannah Burdick. The children of Caleb and Emma L. Bentley are:

1. Eva Grace Bentley; m. John Armsby; residence, South Berlin, N. Y.

2. Janie Blanche; m. Elmer Hull; residence, Berlin, N. Y.

3. Zella May Bentley; m. Byron Shaw; residence, Hoosick, N. Y.

4. Arlie Caleb Bentley; m. Emma R. Vars; residence, Berlin, N. Y.

5. William Osberto Bentley; m. Nellie Barber; residence, Berlin, N. Y.

William Bentley (Caleb) b. 24 Feb., 1784, settled in Chemung Co., N. Y., town of Horseheads. I do not know the name of his wife.

(The following record is of untold value.—Mrs. J. H. L.)

Family record of George Bentley. (Given by Caleb Bentley, Berlin, N. Y.): Wife—Ruth Barber; m. 1724. Children:

1. John Bentley; m. 8 Feb., 1747, Patience (or Phenie) Shaw.
2. Mary Bentley; husbands (1) Joseph Babcock, (2) E. Weaver.
3. Abial Bentley; d. at 12 years old.
4. George Bentley; wife, Amy Carter.
5. Elizabeth Bentley; husband, John Babcock.
6. Abigail Bentley; husband, Nathaniel Niles.
7. Mary Bentley; husband, Eliphalet Jones.
8. Caleb Bentley; wives, (1) Mary Gardner; (2) Mary Hewitt, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Babcock) Hewitt.
9. Ruth Bentley; husband, Gideon Satterly.
10. Ezekiel Bentley; wife, Elizabeth Chapman.

This George Bentley was my great grandfather. My grandfather, Caleb Bentley, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

FROM GREENE FAMILY. (F. L. GREENE.)

"Rebecca (6) Greene, dau. of Jonathan (5) and Margaret Budlong Greene, b. probably in West Greenwich, R. I., 7 May, 1774; d. in Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., 8 July, 1846; m. in Berlin, N. Y., about 1792 to Deacon Eliphalet Niles (son of Nathaniel and Abigail Bentley Niles) from Rhode Island; b. 2 Dec., 1757; d. in Berlin 15 May, 1849. They were farmers in Berlin. Children:

1. Mercy Niles; b. 30 April, 1793; d. 18 Dec., 1838; m. Deacon Daniel Rhodes and lived in Berlin.

2. Isabel Niles; b. 13 June, 1794; d. 14 June, 1838. m. Daniel Denison, her cousin, and lived in Berlin.

3. George W. Niles; b. 22 Dec., 1795; d. 4 Jan., 1867; m. Abigail Burdick and lived in Berlin.

4. John Barber Niles; b. 14 Dec., 1797; d. 18 April, 1881; m. Rosanna Brimmer and lived in Berlin.

5. Nancy A. Niles; b. 12 April, 1800; d. 8 Oct., 1853; m. George T. Denison and lived in Berlin.

6. Rhoda Niles; b. 17 Aug., 1802; d. 5 Oct., 1849; m. 7 Oct., 1821, Benjamin Greene and lived in Berlin.

7. Margaret Niles; b. 22 June, 1804; d. 25 Oct., 1851; m. David Budlong and lived in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y.

8. Alonson G. Niles; b. 5 March, 1811; d. 4 Aug., 1813.

9. Alson G. Niles; b. 12 July, 1813; m. Polly P. Walker, who d. 17 May, 1881. They had children—Mrs. Alice Jones, of Berlin, and Frank Niles, d. 5 March, 1886.

Judith Williams (dau. of Samuel and Edith Greene Williams, of Sangerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y.); b. about 1803; m. Joseph Bentley and settled in Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y.

FROM HISTORY OF STONINGTON, CONN., BY WHEELER.

"George Bentley m. Ruth Barber (dau. of Moses and Susanna Wiat Barber, of Kingston, R. I.) 4 March, 1724. She b. 23 Jan., 1705.

Their son, George, Jr., of Westerly, R. I., b. 1730; d. 28 Oct., 1814; m. Amy Carter 27 June, 1751. Had children, viz.:

Mary; b. 25 Sept., 1752.

George; b. 26 June, 1756.

Sarah; b. 25 April, 1761.

Robert; b. 6 Aug., 1765.

Anna; b. 9 July, 1769.

George (3) m. Lucy Gardner: he d. 3 May, 1831; she was b. 1756; d. 7 June, 1844, aged 88 years. Had children, viz.:

Jonathan; m. Nancy Bly; d. 22 Aug., 1848.

Lucy; d. unmarried 1 May, 1854.

George (4).

*Daniel; b. 27 March, 1789.

†Russell; b. 12 Oct., 1791; d. 25 Sept., 1852.

Henry; d. 15 April, 1833.

Ira; d. 9 July, 1838.

RECEIVED FROM WM. RAYMOND BENTLEY.

Riverside, Calif., Jan. 15, 1904.

The Bentley family to which I belong embraced the whole tribe that have resided in Rhode Island since 1639. The first settlers came from England. Dr. Richard Bentley, Dean of Oxford, historian, linguist, etc., was of the same family. Rev. David Niles Bentley referred to in your letter is of the same family. They scattered all over New England. Many coming west settled in Madison also Orleans Co., N. Y. My father's name was Elijah, b. 1810; his father was James, b. 1785; his father Orson, b. 1762; his father George; b. 1739. I took pains fifty years ago to look into this matter, found many at 80 to 105 and concluded that if I lived as long as they I would have plenty of time this century to find out who was the

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* Daniel Bentley m. Esther Wheeler 29 April, 1819.

† Russell Bentley m. 22 Oct., 1822, Susan Stanton, dau. of Amos and Amelia Babcock Stanton. She, b. 17 Aug, 1798; d. 20 Nov., 1844. Had seven children.

oldest of the family, etc. I cannot give you reliable information back of these. My cousins formerly in Cazenovia, N. Y.; Knowlsville, N. Y.; Cateraugus Co., N. Y.; Shelby, N. Y.; Boonville, N. Y.; Spicerville, Mich.; Grand Ledge, Mich., may be able to help you. My father was Elijah Bentley, b. 1810. I have always understood that he was b. in Madison Co., N. Y. He lived in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., until 1853; settled then in Napoleon, Jackson Co., Mich., where he d. about 1875. My mother's maiden name was Nancy Culver. My grandfather was James Bentley, lived and died in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y. He had brothers. Those known to me were:

Ezekiel Bentley; lived and died in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y.; was married and had children; names unknown.

George Bentley; lived and died in Cazenovia, Madison Co., N. Y.; an old batchelor; was a banker.

My grandfather (James Bentley) m. Prudence Meach (some of my people say her true name was Meacham). I know she was called Mrs. Prudence Meach Bentley. They had fifteen children, whose names and residences were, viz:

George Bentley, who lived in Cattaraugus Co., near line of Chatauqua Co. I once visited him when living in Bath. That was 1845. Know absolutely nothing of present residence of family. Know they had children, some boys some girls.

Elisha Bentley, my father's twin brother, lived in vicinity of LeRoy, N. Y. Know nothing of them for fifty years.

Elijah Bentley, my father, lived most of his life in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y.; m. Nancy Culver in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y.; their children were Mary, Jane, Minerva and myself; all living still. My father d. at Napoleon, Jackson Co., Mich., about thirty years ago;

my mother d. at Napoleon, Jackson Co., Mich., about fifteen years ago.

Hiram Bentley (another brother of my father) lived in Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y. Had sons and daughters; names and residences now are unknown to me.

Orson Bentley, m. in Shelby Miss Bagley; settled in Owosso, Mich.; lived there all the balance of his life; no children.

Andrew Bentley lived in Shelby until 1849 then disappeared; never heard of since; supposed to have come to California and died.

Alonzo Bentley, born, lived and died in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y.; was never married; was a cripple from childhood.

Peter Bentley lived in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y.; married Hannah Culver (sister of my mother); they had several children, the name of one was David; there were girls.

Their sisters, my aunts by my father's family, were:

Miss ——— Bentley; married ——— Smith; settled at Eagle, Clinton Co., Mich.; had several sons.

Miss ——— Bentley; married ——— Hutchings, who settled in Jackson Co., Mich.; had children.

Harriet Bentley; married John F. Bush; settled in Shelby, Orleans Co., N. Y., where they were when I was last there, forty years ago. They had one child, a girl; know nothing of her.

There were others, but I am unable to state anything of them. My father's family claim Ezekiel (weaver and drummer) Jonathan, b. 3 June, 1774, at Hopkinton, R. I.; Zadock, b. at Du Ruyter, Madison Co., N. Y., and Henry W. Bentley, of Boonville, Oneida Co., N. Y., as relatives. Just how I know not. My grandmother, Prudence Meach (or Meacham) Bentley, gave me, some sixty years ago, a quilt, home-made blue and white (then

called a coverlet) that she said was woven by Ezekiel Bentley, who was in the Revolution: most likely the same you name. Very respectfully yours.

WM. R. BENTLEY.

RECEIVED FROM ISAAC P. COLLINS.

Olean, N. Y., Feb. 27. 1904.

As I understand it, the Bentleys that were my ancestors lived in and about Madison Co., N. Y., and some of their descendants live there still. Oliver Bentley, b. Aug., 1768, was burned to death in his house while trying to save valuables from the burning home. His remains were buried at West Winfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y. He m. Antrus Thomas, b. 6 Aug., 1768; d. 18 July, 1843. She was also buried at West Winfield. Their children were:

William; b. 18 July, 1786; d. 29 Sept., 1884; never married.

Hannah Bentley; b. 15 July, 1789; m. Isaac Peavy, b. 2 March, 1781. These were my mother's parents.

Elisha; b. 1 April, 1790; d. 20 July, 1867.

Ira; b. 15 Dec., 1798; d. 5 Nov., 1877.

It is shown at War Department, Washington, D. C., by the records that one Oliver Bentley served as an ensign in Capt. James Denison's company, Fourth Regiment of New York Militia, commanded by Col. Killian V. Rensselaer, Revolutionary War. His name appears on pay roll of the company dated 4 June, 1777, which shows that he enlisted 27 July, 1776, and served two days. His name also appears on a pay roll dated Albany 5 June, 1777, which shows that he served three days from 26 April, 1777, and on an undated receipt roll which

shows that there was due him the sum of 27s. 16 d. for service performed in the regiment commanded by Col. Killian Van Rensselaer.

Wanted—Parentage of Oliver Bentley. His father was probably born in Rhode Island or Stonington, Conn., about 1736.

OLIVER BENTLEY DESCENDANTS OF NORTH STONINGTON, CONN.

1. *Oliver Bentley, of North Stonington, Conn. I think he was married to Hannah Wilcox 16 March, 1758. His son:

2. Oliver Bently, Jr.; b. 8 Aug., 1765; d. 19 Nov., 1820; m. Antrus Thomas, b. 19 Aug., 1765; d. 19 July, 1843. Their children were:

3. William; b. 18 July, 1786; d. 29 Sept., 1824; he was never married.

4. Hannah; b. 15 July, 1789; d. 12 Nov., 1863; m. 1 Jan., 1804 to Isaac Peavy, b. 2 March, 1781; d. 28 May, 1855. They lived in Connecticut in their early lives. After their first two children were born they sold their farm and had the money for it in the house when their home was burned and the money and 100 yards of home-made cloth that Mrs. Peavy had on hand; all they had left in the world was a few clothes and some stuff in the barn. With an oxen team and cart and two small children they started from Connecticut and drove about 300 miles to Allegheny Co., N. Y., and settled in the town of Allan. They spent the remainder of their lives in that county.

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* Hannah Wilcox; b. 12 Nov., 1738, m. Oliver Bentley; dau. of Wm. Wilcox and (2) wife Elizabeth Brown of N. Stonington, Conn.

5. Elisha; b. 4 April, 1790; d. 20 July, 1867, m. 16 Jan., 1811, Deborah Sheldon, d. 2 Jan., 1877.

6. Ira; b. 15 Dec., 1798; d. Nov., 1877; m. 31 Dec., 1833, Celia Sprague, b. 23 Feb., 1808; d. 13 Dec., 1893.

No. 4. Hannah Bently Peavy's children were:

7. Amy; b. 12 March, 1805; d. 26 June, 1896; m. 23 Feb., 1823, Simon Johnson, b. 5 May, 1802; d. 8 Sept., 1885. He was a wagonmaker.

8. Ira; b. 10 Jan., 1809; d. 19 April, 1848; m. 25 Feb., 1830, Betsy Peavy, his cousin, b. 1805; d. 1881. He was a farmer by occupation.

9. Hannah A.; b. 27 May, 1817; d. 23 Feb., 1875; m. (1) 6 Jan., 1838, Chauncy Coy, d. 22 Oct., 1837; (2) 16 Oct., 1839, Almon Peckham, b. 1 Nov., 1802; d. 23 Dec., 1898.

10. Perry M.; b. 19 July, 1822. She was married to Dennis Birmingham, who died in 1903. Children—Millard F., b. 4 May., 1851; Lillian, deceased.

11. Roena; b. 3 April, 1825, d. 21 March, 1898; m. 20 Jan., 1846, Frank Morton, b. 27 July, 1832, still living.

12. Fannie; b. 19 Jan., 1829; still living; m. 9 April, 1855, J. L. Collins, b. 22 Sept., 1830; kicked to death by a horse 19 May, 1890.

No. 5. Elisha Bently's children were:

13. Chauncy; b. 19 April, 1814; d. 23 Aug., 1870. Children—Ariadna, has dau., Elsie; 2 Albert, b. 5 Sept., 1841; has Earl; William; Clark, Fred, Arthur, dead.

14. Maxamilla; b. 16 June, 1816; d. 21 Dec., 1899; m. 9 April, 1842, Hiram Collins, who is still living.

15. Oliver B.; b. 1 Nov., 1821; d. 3 Aug., 1894. Children—Frank, b. 29 Nov., 1857.

16. Ezekial; b. 11 July, 1823; m. Savilla Birmingham.

17. Otis Clark; b. 18 July, 1827; d. 28 April, 1857.

18. Sarah Emmaline; b. 4 Dec., 1831. Was married to Cepahs Peckham, who is a farmer. They had one son, Frank, b. 19 Sept., 1860; d. 1846.

No. 6. Ira Bently's children were:

19. Romanzo; b. 20 Dec., 1834; d. 26 Dec., 1860; m. 26 Jan., 1860, Esther Washburn. They had one dau., Ella Etta, b. 1861; m. Mr. Edick. Has two children—Lula, b. 12 March, 1883; Blanch, b. 11 Oct., 1889.

20. Oliver H.; b. 19 April, 1843; is now living; m. 30 Sept., 1865, Ordelia L. Peavy, his cousin, b. 12 Jan., 1843; d. 20 Feb., 1902. Has one adopted dau.

21. Sabra Ann; b. 11 June, 1848; is now living; m. 7 Nov., 1866, Ira D. Peckham, her cousin.

22. Savilla E.; b. 28 March, 1851; is now living; m. 27 Dec., 1871, Adam Westfall, b. 8 June, 1846; is now living.

No. 7. Amy Peavy Johnson's children were:

23. Samantha; b. 18 Jan., 1824; now living at Friendship, N. Y.; m. 10 Sept., 1843, William Potter, b. 3 Oct., 1820; d. 24 Sept., 1869.

24. Amanda H.; b. 8 July, 1827; d. 27 June, 1864; m. 5 Oct., 1845, Hozea B. Potter. Their children were Amy Adelaide, b. 7 Dec., 1846; d. 23 Dec., 1866, and Joel Elviris, b. 16 Aug., 1848; d. 25 May, 1851.

25. Liverette; b. 22 Oct., 1831; is now living at Friendship, N. Y., in house with her sister; she has never been married.

26. Rosilia; b. 3 Nov., 1835; d. 4 April, 1850.

No. 8. Ira Peavy's children were:

27. Oliver Lee, who was killed at the battle of Chancellerville of the late war.

28. Sylvester, who was also a soldier in the war of the Rebellion.

29. Maranda.

No. 9. Hannah A. Peavy Peckham's children were:

30. Ira D.; b. 27 Feb., 1841; is a merchant now living at Richfield Springs, N. Y.: m. 7 Nov., 1866. Sabra Anna Bentley, his cousin, b. 11 June, 1848, and is now living.

31. Lester; b. 19 Jan., 1844; is a farmer living near Belvidere, N. Y.; m. 24 Dec., 1868, Mary A. Bryant, b. 3 Aug., 1851; d. 28 Nov., 1897.

No. 10. Perry M. Peavy's children were:

32. Ordelia L.; b. 12 Jan., 1843; d. 20 Feb., 1902; m. 30 Sept., 1865, Oliver H. Bently, her cousin, b. 19 April, 1843; now living in Madison Co., N. Y.

33. Mildred F.; b. 4 March, 1851; living somewhere in the west.

34. Fred; b. 17 Sept., 1853; is a farmer now living near Nile, N. Y. His wife's maiden name was Thomas.

35. Lillian.

No. 11. Roena Peavy Morton's children were:

36. Marion Amelia; b. 17 July, 1852; is a milliner living at 6315 Woodlawn avenue, Chicago. She is married to H. A. Bowling. They have no children.

No. 12. Fannie Peavy Collins' children were:

37. Isaac Peavy: b. 1 Sept., 1854; is an attorney at law and insurance agent residing at Olean, N. Y.; m. 16 May, 1882, Delia E., dau. of Orson V. and Celia Elliott. b. 17 Jan., 1859; is now living. They had one child, b. 1883; d. in infancy.

38. William Warren: b. 16 May, 1857; is a school teacher and speculator residing at Prinville. Ore.; is not married.

39. George Avery; b. 21 Aug., 1859; is a carpenter residing at Gold. Pa.; m. 1883, Mattie Edna, dau of E. B. and Mary Monroe, b. 6 June, 1865; d. 6 July, 1903, of heart failure.

40. Jerry DeForrest; b. 8 June, 1861; is a miner living at Eldora, Boulder Co., Colo.; is not married.

No. 14. Maximilla Bently Collins' children were:

41. Lydia Lucella; b. 27 April, 1843; is married to Hewitt Shepherd and resides at Sherburn, N. Y.

42. Mary Jane; b. 25, July, 1843; is married to Morris Newton and resides at Earlville, N. Y.

43. Emily Staretta; b. 20 May, 1847; m. 13 Sept., 1865, Charles Fiske by Rev. Clark at Waterville, N. Y.

44. Henry H.; b. 19 June, 1850; m. Velona Burdick and reside at East Hamilton, N. Y. They have two children, Bessie and Ernest.

45. Lewis N.; b. 18 April, 1856; resides at East Hamilton, N. Y.

No. 21. Sabra Bently Peckham's children were:

46. Perry LaMont; b. 16 May, 1859; d. 15 May, 1873.

47. George Almon; b. 8 Aug., 1872; m. 14 Sept., 1897, Maude Symonds. They have one child, Sarah Helene, b. 8 Feb., 1900.

48. Addie Estelle; b. 9 Dec., 1876; now living with her parents at Richfield Springs, N. Y.

No. 22. Savilla Bently Westfall's children were:

49. Carrie May; b. 22 May, 1874; is now living and married to Dr. Myron L. Lipez. They have one child, Henry Monroe Lipez.

50. Floyd B.; b. 16 Oct., 1877; is now living.

No. 23. Samantha Johnson Potter's children were:

51. Clarissa A.; b. 10 Aug., 1844; d. 2 June, 1898; m. 25 Feb., 1865, L. R. Fairbanks.

52. Annis E.; b. 5 July, 1846; m. (1) 1 June, 1873, Edson A. Anson; (2) 4 July, 1882, George S. Clark, who is a mason by trade. They reside at Friendship, N. Y., and have no children.

53. Mortimer W.; b. 19 Jan., 1849; m. 12 June, 1889, Ella Thompson. Is president of the bank and resides at Friendship, N. Y. They have two children, Hattie Louise, b. 2 July, 1891, and Marion Prudence, b. 15 Jan., 1897.

54. Milton R.; b. 21 April, 1852; d. 20 July, 1901; m. 13 Aug., 1874, Fannie E. Smith. Their children are, Nina E., b. 19 Aug., 1875; William Milton, b. 14 Dec., 1877; Mildred A., b. 30 Oct., 1886.

55. Amanda R.; b. 30 July, 1853; m. 25 March, 1871, Amos Moore, who is an oil producer and capitalist residing at Bradford, Pa. Their children are, Charles W., b. 27 Jan., 1875; is married and has one child; is an oil producer and resides near Bradford, Pa., and Lillian M., b. 20 Jan., 1882; is married and has one child; also lives near Bradford, Pa.

56. Mary; b. 31 May, 1856; m. (1) 21 Aug., 1876, Lowell W. Elliott; both taught school for a number of

years until the death of Mr. Elliott; (2) 17 July, 1901, Henry C. Potter, her cousin. They reside at Whitesville, N. Y.

57. Almon B.; b. 22 May, 1859; d. 1 Sept., 1861.

58. Rosilla; b. 19 Feb., 1855; d. 18 Oct., 1894.

59. Lorena M.; b. 20 Sept., 1867; m. 1 Jan., 1898, William Van Horn. They reside at Friendship, N. Y., and have no children.

No. 28. Lester Peckham's children were:

60. Almon; b. 16 Oct., 1869; m. 10 April, 1890, Nellie A., dau. of Leroy and Annis Moore. They reside near Bolivar, N. Y. Their children are Carl M., b. 21 Aug., 1890, and Mable A.

61. Ernest; b. 31 Oct., 1872; m. 9 Nov., 1898, Laura Schenck. They reside at Bradford, Pa.

62. Bertha; b. 17 Feb., 1876; m. 7 June, 1901, Ed L. Barnes. They have one son Walter, b. 26 Nov., 1903. They reside at Bradford, Pa.

63. DeForest; b. 29 Jan., 1871; m. 22 Feb., 1899, Katie Webb.

64. William B.; b. 11 Jan., 1876; d. 28 Oct., 1877.

65. Mina; b. 29 July, 1888; m. 2 Feb., 1900, Irving DeLong. They have one dau., Grace E., b. 27 Jan., 1902.

66. Mary; b. 12 April, 1882; m. 2 Feb., 1902, Murray A. Williamson. They have one child, Myron L., b. 13 Dec., 1902.

67. Mildred; b. 15 Feb., 1888; now resides with her father near Belvedierve, N. Y.

68. George; b. 22 Nov., 1899, also resides with his father.

No. 36. George A. Collins' children were:

69. Lois; b. 28 Nov., 1884; d. in infancy.

70. Don DeForrest: b. 19 Feb., 1886. He is a sailor in the navy.

71. Dorr Clayton; b. 17 July, 1888.

72. Fannie Katheryn; b. 15 Feb., 1890. Resides at Gold, Pa.

No. 40. Emily Saretta Collins Fisk's children are:

73. Cora L.; b. 16 July, 1866; m. 16 March, 1887, Ingram H. Birdsall. They had one son Harry, b. 30 Sept., 1888, and was drowned in the Chenango River 30 June, 1898.

74. Clara J.; b. 18 Nov., 1878; m. 7 Oct., 1896, Harvey W. Gorton. They have one child, Alice Marguerite, b. 27 Aug., 1898.

The above is all the information in reference to the family that I have been able to obtain.

I. P. COLLINS.

FROM WILLIAM HARVEY BENTLEY.

Coronado, Calif.

I (William Harvey Bentley) was b. 1860 in Iowa; m. Rosena Stewart in 1895 and settled at Coronado Beach, Calif. Have one son, William H. Bentley, Jr. I am proprietor of an ostrich farm.

My father, William Bentley, b. 1830 in Ohio, m. 1856, is now a retired farmer living at Havensville, Kans.

My grandfather, Gideon Bentley, Jr., b. in N. Y. state, 1793, d. 1871; m. Harriet Wheeler, b. 1799, d. 1885.

They had eleven children, viz.:

1. Sophronia; b. 1820; m. John Conner; had five or six children. Resides at Griggsville, Ill.

2. Newman, (deceased); b. 1822. Twice m., nine children.

3. Harriet, (deceased); b. 1824.

4. Mahlon, (deceased); b. 1827; m. Julia A. E. Benson, 1848; eleven children.

5. Elizabeth; b. 1829 (deceased); m. Wm. Love; seven children.

6. Wm.; b. 1831; m. M. C. Shaul; six children; lives at Havensville, Kansas.

7. Lydia; b. 1834; m. J. Hulett; five children.

8. Oscar; b. 1837; m. May Lytle; three children.

9. Oretus, or Orestes; b. 1840; m. ——; four children.

10. Orren; b. 1842; m. B. Johnson; eleven children; lives at Tolo, Idaho.

11. Lodema; b. 1845; m. (1) G. W. Shelly, (2) Wm. Love; five children.

The father of Gideon Bentley, Jr., was Gideon, Sr. He had ten boys and three girls, namely:

1. Christopher.
2. Thomas.
3. Frederick.
4. Gideon.
5. Isaac.
6. William.
7. Elisha.
8. David.
9. Joseph.
10. Clark.
11. Elizabeth.
12. Sarah.
13. Esther.

Mr. Bentley mentions one William Bentley who was b. in Pike Co. Says that he was the son of Sophronia

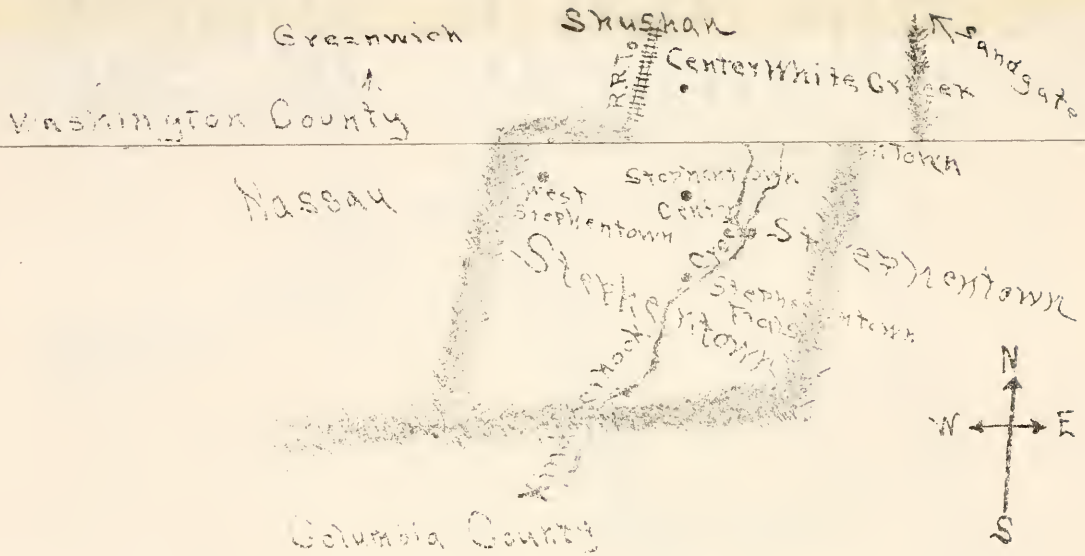
Bentley who m. John Conners. Also another William Bentley was son of Newman Bentley. He m. Malinda Shaul in 1856. Also Oscar Bentley had a son William.

FROM REV. W. S. COONS, PASTOR BAPTIST CHURCH, HOOSICK, N. Y.

I have searched our church records and find that though the church was organized in 1785, the records from 1785-1812 were destroyed by fire and the earliest list of members recorded is for 1821, in which the name of Bentley does not appear. Neither does it appear in lists of 1837, 1847 or 1885 or in the minutes for 1812-1825 inclusive.

This church when first organized, and for a long time, covered a large district, mostly on the east side of the Hoosick River, and included Hoosick and Hoosick Falls, meeting frequently at both of these places and at a place two miles east of here, where their old cemetery still remains. I have not been able to trace any Bentleys having lived in this part of the town of Hoosick at any early period, though the name does appear in the vicinity of Berlin.

From Sylvester's History, p. 494: "A very old map of that portion of the manor of Rensselaerwyck lying east of the Hudson River (a map made by John E. Van Alen 25 Jan., 1790) shows the persons to whom many of the earlier lots (in town of Stephentown) were surveyed. East of Kinderhook Creek from north to south are the lots of —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, T. Bentley, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, J. Bentley, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —, —." The dashes represent other names given in proper order. The so-called dis-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trict of Hoosick was organized March, 1772, with boundaries similar, but not identical, with those of the present town. The district, the meetings of which were held at St. Croix—now West Hoosick—continued as such for sixteen years until 1788 when it was reorganized as a town. The records of these sixteen years have unfortunately been lost, but the town records begin with 1789, one year after the organization of the town proper. It is possible that the Bentleys may have moved northward into Washington Co. and from thence into Saratoga Co. If so, traces of them may possibly be found in the records of the church at Center White Creek, just over the line and a short distance from here, or in the Greenwich Church, organized in 1774, and one of the oldest Baptist churches in the state, or in the church at Shushan, where, I think, there are Bentleys at the present time. Our town records (Hoosick) are kept at Hoosick Falls, three miles from here, where I went and carefully read the records from 1789 to 1840 inclusive, but regret to say that I found only one Bentley item, as follows:

Names.	Time of entry.	Places of marks.
Thomas Bentley,	18 May, 1793.	A hollow fork in each ear and a half penny behind the right ear.

In reading our county history I am satisfied that John Bentley located in what is now the town of Berlin (or possibly in Petersburg or Stephentown) and not in Hoosick. A slight trace of him is afforded in the name of John Bentley, Jr., on the assessment roll of the town of Berlin for the year 1806—when the town was organized; also the following Bentleys: Joshua, Ebenezer, Benjamin, Reuben, Caleb and William. Caleb's sons were Melancthon, Alexander and Rudolph. Caleb lived

about half a mile south of Berlin village. Among the original lot holders of the town of Berlin on the west side of the Little Hoosick River was J. Bentley, as appears on the old map, but whether this was Joshua, John, Sr., or John, Jr., is not explained.

In the town of Stephentown, where settlers began to come about 1765 among those to whom original lots were surveyed east of Kinderhook Creek (see map) were T. Bentley and J. Bentley. This J. Bentley may have been either John Bentley or Joshua, who in that case must have moved later to Berlin. The first Yankee settlers in the town of Berlin are supposed to have come about 1770. It might be advisable to search church and town records of Petersburg, about ten miles from Hoosick; Center White Creek, about twelve or thirteen miles, by rail; Shushan 18 miles by rail, and Greenwich 29 miles by rail. Sandgate, Vt., could not have been in Rensselaerwyck as it is much too far north, the northern boundary line of ancient Rensselaerwyck being the southern boundary of the present town of Hoosick (see map). I enclose a roughly sketched map of the eastern strip of towns in Rensselaer Co. giving you an idea of the relative location of the various places in this vicinity. On May 19 I visited Berlin and regret very much to say that I could find no refrence to John Bentley, either senior or junior. The regular Baptist Church minutes begin with 18 Sept., 1813, and the roll of church members has two entries for 1798, several for 1799 and continue down to 1838 in the oldest book. I also examined the second roll of names coming down to about 1850. I think that the list for 1797 to 1838 must contain all the names of those belonging to the church previous to 1838, except, possibly, a few previous to 1797, which were not recorded or have been lost. As there are, however, a number of names (the first on the list) without dates, these may be the

earliest, though there are no records of the organization of the church nor any so-called list of constituent members..

The dates given are a little confusing, so that it is not always clear whether they refer to time of uniting with the church (and if so whether by baptism or otherwise) or whether they do not sometimes refer to date of dismissal, especially when the same name seems to be repeated. I will give the names as they appear on the record; first, a date with no explanation concerning it; second column, the names spelled as they appear, and followed by remarks. When one couple was excluded, by consulting the minister, I found they were excluded simply for leaving and joining another denomination.

The names as they appear are as follows and with two exceptions spelled "Bently":

Date.	Name.	Remarks.
	—Caleb Bently	deceased, 1829
30 Aug. 1799	—Uriah Bently	dismissed
6 July 1800	—Benjamin Bentley	deceased, 1833
6 Oct. 1799	—Mary Bently	———
13 July 1800	—Lydia Bently	deceased, 20 June, 1801
10 Aug. 1800	—Lettice Bently	dismissed
Sept. 1811	—Phoebe Bently	excom'nic'd 20 Jan., 1821
6 Oct. 1811	—Gardner Bently	excom'nic'd 20 Jan., 1821
6 Oct. 1811	—Timothy Bently	deceased, 1827
6 Oct. 1811	—Barber Bently	dismissed by letter
17 Nov. 1811	—Candace Bently	dismissed by letter
17 Nov. 1811	—Patience Bently	dismissed by letter
17 Nov. 1811	—Betsy Bently	dismissed by letter
17 Nov. 1811	—Ebenezer Bently	exc'nic'd 18 May, 1816
4 Dec. 1811	—Amy Bently	dismissed
4 Dec. 1811	—Gardner Bently	dismissed
4 Dec. 1811	—Stephen Bently	dismissed
4 Dec. 1811	—Patience Bently	dismissed

4 Dec. 1811—Rensselaer Bently.....dismissed, 1836
1 Feb. 1812—Joshua Bently, Jr.....dismissed
1 Feb. 1812—Desire Bently.....dismissed
May 1812—Timothy Bently.....deceased
18 Dec. 1828—Moriah or Uriah Bentley....dismissed
5 Mar. 1837—Samuel Bently..dism's'd by let'r 11 Mar.

I also visited the regular Baptist cemetery, the Seventh Day Baptist cemetery and the old cemetery on the Caleb Bently farm. There are no Bentley tombstones standing in any except the first mentioned. where I found the following:

Dexter Bently, born 22 March, 1814,
died 2 May, 1880.
Sarah M. Gavitt. his wife, born 28 Sept., 1823.
Caleb Bentley, Esq., died 5 March, 1827,
aged 84 years.
Mary Bentley, his wife, died 18 Nov., 1840,
aged 82 years.

Caleb Bentley, Jr., son of Caleb and Mary Bentley, died 2 Dec., 1822, in the 36th year of his age.

Robert Bentley, son of Caleb Bentley, Jr., and Betsey Bentley, ho died 1 March, 1826, aged 18y. 1m. 26d.

Melancton Bentley, died 7 Sept., 1865, aged 61 years. Elizabeth C., wife of Mr. Melancton Bentley, who died in the 33d year of her age.

Caroline, daughter of Melancton and Eliza Bentley, died 27 July, 1860, aged 27y. 2m. 8d.

You will observe that the date of Caleb Bentley's death, as given in church record and on tombstone, do not agree. The tombstone date is probably most reliable.

It is possible that the Bentleys after a short sojourn in the Hoosick Valley may have moved northward into Washington Co. and from thence into Saratoga Co.

From pages 272-273 of the "History of the Shaftsbury Baptist Association," from 1781 to 1853, compiled at the request of the Association by Stephen Wright: "The first Baptist preacher we have any account of lived in the northwest part of the town of Hoosick, but he had no church. Another minister, named David Skeels, lived at the Corners (Hoosick Corners, now Hoosick), or in that vicinity in the earlier settlement of the town, but he also had no church. The first organized Baptist Church in the town was the St. Croix Church, situated in the vicinity of the Bennington battle ground in the northeast part of the town. More correctly, it was located near what is now called North Hoosick, and south of that precinct, even to the present village of Hoosick Falls. This St. Croix Church was formed soon after the war of the Revolution, probably about 1782-83, and held the name of the first Baptist Church in Hoosick, as the later records, yet extant, testify. This organization never had a meeting house, but met for worship in private houses among its members and friends. Its preachers were Jehiel Fox, afterwards Elder Fox from the Chester Church for years, and Aaron Haynes. Mr. Haynes, we are informed, was ordained in this church and continued as its pastor till the church was dissolved 9 Aug., 1812, at which period some of the members united upon their letters from this body with the Mapleton Church.

The origin of the latter church, as the present first Hoosick Church was called till the year 1811, copied from records 16 March, 1875:

"The brethren and council met at the dwelling of Widow Robinson, in Bennington, agreeable to appointment to attend the ordination of Brother William Bentley. 1. Proceeded to inquire into the standing of the brethren, to know whether it was their minds to be con-

stituted a church in body politic. 2. Agree to be a church and was constituted and fellowshipped by Elder Jacob Drake, Elder Joseph Cornell, Elder Amos Burrows and brethren of the council, Benjamin Vaughn, Jednathan Gray, Moses Kellogg and Amaziah Martin, and agreed to take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be our rule of faith and practice. 3. Proceeded to renew our request for Brother Bentley to be ordained in the church, and he agreed to our call. 4. Proceeded to examine his call to the work of the ministry and to this people. 5. The church and council obtained satisfaction respecting his ministerial gifts. 6. Proceeded to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion from Acts xx:28. last clause, delivered by Elder Joseph Cornell, pastor of the Baptist Church in Manchester. Vt. 7. Opened the door for any objection why said Bentley should not be ordained, and finding none, proceeded by prayer and laying on of hands to ordain him. Elder Jacob Drake made the ordination prayer and gave the charge. Elder Joseph Cornell gave the right hand of fellowship and Elder Amos Burrows made the concluding prayer."

From the above you will see that William Bentley was ordained by and called to the Hoosick Baptist Church as its first pastor on the date of its organization, 16 March, 1785.

Query—Who were the ancestors and who are the descendants of this William Bentley?

Abstracts from the minutes of monthly covenant meetings of the Baptist Church of Stephentown, N. Y. (Spelling, punctuation, etc., copied.)

Sept. 17, 1796.

"Received by Didacation and experience William Bently, Hannah Cowdry, Lydia Tanner, and dismist by prayer."

Dec. 3, 1796.

"Proceeded to labor with Brother William Bently who had stopt his travail with the Church and some things that he had on his mind was Removed yet he said his mind was not satisfied so as he could walk with the Church. So the matter was posponed until next meeting for labor and dismist by prayer."

Jan. 27, 1797.

"Proceeded to consider the case of Brother William Bently as he had not attended our meeting the Church agreed to send to Brother Bently by letter to Request him to come and doe his duty in the church. Apointed two Brethren to bair the letter to Brother Bently and to take christian labor with him apointed Brother Edward Carr and Brother Daniel Browne and to make Returns to the Church at their next meeting of labor."

Mar. 9. 1797.

"Proceded to hear the returns of the members that ware apointed to labor with Brother William Bently which was that Brother Bently had mist his home, but inteded to meet with us and remove everything that he had laid in the way of any of the Church."

(Later)—"Brother Bently coming in requested a meeting to be apointed to remove the difficulty out of the way that was between Brother Bently and the Church the Church thought not best at present and Brother bently dropt his request and the Church held Brother Bently to the covenant that he made with the Church Volentaryly."

July 29, 1797.

"Proceded to some labor with Brother William Bently

first does brother Bently mean keep his travail and own his covenant that he maid with the Church answered in the positive. Sescond the minds of the brethren was taken whether they could travail with brother bently Some thought they Could not feal Satisfied without Brother bentlyes taking up some thinge that he had flung out against the Church which he then did to Churches Satisfaction.

July 20, 1789.

"Agreed to send to Brother William Bently by Elder Robert Niles and brother Joseph Sheldon" "to know why he had not attended to his duties in the Church."
September 1, 1798.

"Brother William Bentlys mind apeard to be intengled and he did not know that there was anything in his way with the Church but with inderviduale there was."

June 21, 1890.

"Appointed Br. Azariah Barber to cite Br. William Bently to attend our next Chh meeting."
August 22, 1801.

"Brother William Bently Requested to be given up to the Church at Black River that fellowshiped on the 20th of this instant August and answered his request by giving him up and ordered the Clerk to give him a letter."
Mrs. Jas. H. Lobdell.

Dear Madam:—The above are all the Bently items I can discover in the records of the Stephentown Baptist Church except that the name of William Bently stands nineteenth in the first list of members with the one word "dismissed" in the margin. Respectfully, etc.,

L. A. CUMMINS, Pastor.

FROM REV. E. H. SOCWELL, PASTOR OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., Oct. 26, 1904.

I have tried as best I can to aid you in your search after Bentley data.

The Caleb Bentley who was Supervisor 1784-85 was son of Geo. Bentley and a member of the Berlin Baptist Church, uniting 30 Aug., 1799. He died 1827.

I find nothing in the records of the Berlin Baptist Church about the Bentleys save the names upon the church roll as given by Rev. W. S. Coons.

FROM REV. ROBERT BRUCE.

Petersburg, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

"I find from our church records that we are utterly unable to furnish you the desired information, as this church was not constituted until 1828. There was a church here before that time, but it was a union church, Seventh Day Baptists aiding in the erection of a building, etc."

Mrs. Joseph Sheaff, whose maiden name was Carrie O. Witherstine, was born 11 April, 1854, in township of Boonville, Oneida Co., N. Y., daughter of Edward and Olive Brooks Witherstine. Her mother died 19 March, 1855, in Boonville, and the following December her father brought his infant daughter, in company with the family of her Grandfather Brooks, to Scott, Ogle Co., Ill., where they resided and where on 12 March, 1874, at the Baptist parsonage she was married by Rev. Edmin-

ster to Joseph Sheaff, born 28 April, 1838, near Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Sheaff is president of the Exchange Bank of Holcomb, Ogle Co., Ill., at which place they reside on a large farm on which Mr. Sheaff keeps stock and raises feed with which he prepares his cattle for the Chicago market. They have seen many changes on and around their property since they first took possession of it. At the present day two railroads run through the farm, viz: the Chicago & Great Western and a branch of the Burlington, running direct to Chicago. In politics Mr. Sheaff is a Democrat; is also a Civil War veteran. One little daughter was born to them, Effie Eloise Sheaff, born 1 Jan., 1880, at Holcomb, who lived to brighten their hearts and home only eight years; passed away 2 Jan., 1888.

The father of Mrs. Sheaff, Edward Witherstine, was born 29 Oct., 1822, in the town of Steuben, Oneida Co., N. Y.; married Olive Brooks, born 25 Dec., 1830 (also at Steuben); died 10 Feb., 1853, at New York Mills. Mr. Witherstine married for his second wife on 27 March, 1865, at Boonville, Sarah Ann Burrows, born in 1834. He brought her to his home in Scott, Ill. (a farm of 240 acres), where they lived and raised a family of three sons, viz.:

1. John A. Witherstine; b. 8 Feb., 1866; m. Rose Gould. They have three children.

2. De Witt F. Witherstine; b. 18 Oct., 1868; m. Hattie Monroe; is agent on the Northwestern Railroad at Lake Bluff, thirty-two miles from Chicago, at which place they enjoy the comforts of their own home with their two children.

3. Victor E. Witherstine: m. Josephine Bowers; has one daughter. He lives on the old homestead and works the farm.

Mrs. Sheaff says: "My father was a grand, nice-looking man; weighed 188 pounds, light complexion and so plump that his face looked as smooth as a young person's. He was always a hard-working man, and although in his 82d year, found work to do." On Saturday, Sept. 17, 1904, he fell from a scaffold he had put up to shingle his woodhouse and died from the effects on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1904, at about 8:25 p. m.

The father of Edward Witherstine was John Witherstine, Jr., born 4 Oct., 1790, in the town of Herkimer, N. Y.; married Catherine Harter (dau. of Philip), born 21 Sept., 1791, probably in Herkimer Co., their marriage taking place 10 Dec., 1811. For many years they lived in the town of Steuben, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he died, over 90 years of age. He was the father of twelve children.

The father of John Witherstine, Jr., was John Witherstine, Sr., a soldier of the Revolution, born in the town of Herkimer, N. Y., on 12 July, 1762. His father and mother were Germans and probably emigrated to this country in 1722. John, Jr., died 19 June, 1835, aged 72y. 11m. 7d. He married Margaret Casler and resided in Shell's Bush, Herkimer Co. She died 16 June, 1848, aged 78 y. 4m. 9d. (Their children are given by Mr. William Witherstine in his history of the family.)

The father of John Witherstine is supposed to have been Henrich Witherstine, but no records can be found

in Herkimer or Montgomery Counties to prove the same.

From Washington, D. C., Revolutionary War Department, it is shown by the records that one Henry Widerstein, also borne as Henrich Witterstein, rank not stated, served in Capt. Herter's company, Bellinger's Regiment, New York Militia, Revolutionary War. His name appears on a roll dated at Fort Dayton 24 Jan., 1781, which indicates that he served nine days in July, fourteen days in August and two days in September in the year 1779. The name also appears on the rolls of Capt. Frederick Frank's company of the same regiment, which indicates that he served sixteen days in the year 1780.

The records further show that one John Wetherstine, also borne as Weatherstine, served as a private in Capt. Thomas De Witt's company, Third New York Regiment, commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort, Revolutionary War. His name appears on a pay roll for May, 1779, which indicates that he enlisted 8 July, 1777, for the period of three years.

The records also show that one John Wetherstone, also borne as Weatherstine, served as a private in Capt. George Sytiz's company, First New York Regiment, Revolutionary War. His name appears on rolls covering the period of August, September, October, November and December, 1780, which show that his service commenced August 17. His name last appears on a muster roll for April, 1783, dated 2 May, 1783.

The mother of Mrs. Joseph Sheaff (Olive Brooks Witherstine) was one of ten children, the dau. of Lansing Brooks, b. 19 Oct., 1809, at Cheshire, Conn., and Nancy Maria Morey, b. 21 June, 1807, at Lebanon, N. Y.; m. 7 April, 1830. She d. 8 March, 1885. Children of John Warner Lansing Brooks:

1. Olive Brooks; b. 25 Dec., 1830; m. Edward Witherstine. She d. 19 March, 1855; he d. 20 Sept., 1904.

2. Samuel; b. 11 March, 1832; d. in May, 1850.

3. Electa E.; b. 14 Dec., 1833; m. Leonard Helmer. She d. in Feb., 1903; he d. in Nov., 1902. Two children, Alma Ann and Alta May.

4. Jane Brooks; b. 8 Aug., 1836; m. Nelson Barber. Had five sons and one daughter, viz.: Albert, Harmon, Hattie J., William, Howard and Charles.

5. Charles L.; b. 17 Dec., 1839; m. (1) Cynthia Weaver; had four boys—Orville, deceased; Manard, Clarance and William; (2) (wife's name unknown) had a son Albert and daughter Olive.

6. Cornelia Brooks; b. 2 June, 1843; m. Jefferson Watson. The husband and their only child died from typhoid fever only three or four weeks apart.

7. Delos D.; b. 22 Feb., 1845; d. Aug., 1847.

8. John H.; m. Charlotte Shuyter; had five children. He divorced and m. second time.

9. Harmon G.; died young.

10. Elmer.

The parents of Nancy Maria Morey were George Morey, b. 13 Aug., 1775, in Connecticut, and Elizabeth Bentley, b. 10 April, 1782, probably in Richmond, R. I. He came to Madison Co., N. Y., in pioneer days and took up a farm in northwest part of the town of Lebanon. Both George and Elizabeth died at their home farm; he

23 March, 1839, aged 63; she 4 Feb., 1847, aged 66. Both are buried there. The youngest son, Lansing C. Morey, purchased the farm and died there. It is still in possession of the family, Mr. Jay Morey, son of Lansing C., now living on it.

My great aunt told me that George Morey had a sister who married Mr. Brand; also had a brother Benjamin and that both brother and siter lived in Brookfield, Madison Co., N. Y.

Children of George Morey and Elizabeth Bentley.

1. Barton Morey; b. 25 Oct., 1799; d. 13 Jan., 1873.

2. Robert G.; b. 26 Sept., 1801; d. 21 June, 1803.

3. William B.; b. 3 Aug., 1803; d. 26 Jan., 1886.

4. Nancy M.; b. 21 June, 1807; m. Lansing Brooks; d. 8 March, 1885.

5. Harty E.; b. 9 March, 1809; d. 30 Aug., 1812.

6. Electa E.; b. 4 July, 1811; d. 17 Sept., 1832.

7. Augustus G.; b. 8 Feb., 1816; d. 20 July, 1894; m. 5 Nov., 1840, to Nancy Partridge; came from Oneida Co., N. Y., to Ogle Co., Ill., in 1853. His wife d. 27 Nov., 1853, and he remarried to Widow Margaret Hatch 2 April, 1856. She d. 27 July, 1861. In 1887 he went to Nebraska, where he d. at Dakota City.

8. Dexter A.; b. 11 May, 1818; d. in May, 1892 (father of Dr. G. C. Morey, of Remsen, N. Y.); m. to Anna Meyers.

9. Lansing C.; b. 7 Feb., 1823; m. LucindaMyers. I have no record of his death. Has son, Lansing C., residing at Lebanon, N. Y., and Jay, who resides on the old farm in the northwest part of Lebanon.

The parents of Elizabeth Bentley Morey were William Bentley, b. at Richmond, R. I., 16 Feb., 1757, and his first wife was Elizabeth Enos (dau. of Joseph)m. at

Richmond, R. I., 1 April, 1778. William left Rhode Island and settled in Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y. He married for his second wife Widow Abigail Bromley (she had a dau., Polly Bromley, who m. a Mr. Noah Brown). William d. intestate before 13 Sept., 1803, as on that day "Nabby" and Niles Bentley, of the town of Canaan, registered as being next of kin and "Nabby" qualified as an administrator. The children of William Bentley were:

1. Elizabeth; m. George Morey.
2. Harty; m. John Wilbur.
3. Clara; m. Mr. Bennett.
4. Renena; m. her cousin, Calvin Bentley, son of Noah Bentley.
5. Polly; m. Mr. Smith.

Query—Parentage of William Bentley.

The name of my maternal great grandfather was John Warner Brooks. He was a son of Samuel Brooks and Ruth Doolittle and grandson of Thomas Brooks and Desire Bristol all of Wallingford, Conn.

John Warner Brooks, b. 18 Sept., 1774, at Cheshire or Wallingford, Conn.; m. Sarah Roberts (any information that will assist in tracing her parentage will be most gratefully received). Where in Connecticut they resided after their marriage it has been impossible to find or whether John Warner Brooks died in Connecticut, or New York State or in Pennsylvania, where they migrated, presumably with a relative, Benjamin Doolittle, of Wallingford, Conn., who, in 1700,* bought 900 acres of land in Susquehanna Co., Pa. Tradition says they suf-

* Susquehanna County records throw no light on this subject. Susquehanna County was taken from Luzern County in 1812. Perhaps the records of Luzern County might give assistance.

fered great privitations and part of the families returned to Connecticut. Great Grandmother Sarah Roberts Brooks, I am told, was very old when she died at my mother's father's house (Lansing Brooks) in Steuben, Oneida Co., N. Y. Children of John Warner Brooks and Sarah Roberts, his wife:

1. Judson Brooks; b. 25 July, 1797; m. Naomi Smith.
2. Elizabeth (Betsey); b. 14 Sept., 1799; m. Henry Crill.
3. Electa; b. 28 Sept., 1801; m. Charles Hudson.
4. Selina; b. 18 June, 1804; m. Dennis Cummings.
5. Phoebe; b. 28 April, 1807; m. William Whipple.
6. John Warner Lansing; b. 19 Oct., 1809; m. Nancy Maria Morey.
7. Minerva; b. 16 June, 1814; m. Isaac Simmons.
8. Sophia; b. 14 Nov., 1816; d. unmarried.
10. Sarah Ann; m. Ira Ames.

Robert Brooks, now 84 years (1905) and George (deceased) were sons of Judson Brooks. George was the father of Mrs. E. P. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill.

Lansing Brooks m. Nancy Maria Morey, b. at Lebanon, Madison Co., N. Y., 7 April, 1830. They moved to Illinois 4 Dec., 1855. He d. 11 June, 1870; she d. 8 March, 1885. They had ten children; six are dead.

Grandmother Nancy Morey Brooks, who raised me, used to say that the Moreys were Rhode Island people before coming to New York State and one of my aunts—a sister of my mother—told me the same. On both my father's and mother's side I am descended from loyal Revolution stock. On my father's—Witherstines, Caslers and Harters, all from the Mohawk Valley, New York State. On my mother's—Brooks, Moreys, Roberts, Doolittle and Bristol.

On 27 March, 1865, my father, Edward Witherstine, m. in Boonville, N. Y., his second wife, Sarah Ann Burrows, b. 9 April, 1834. Her father came from Scotland and her mother, whose maiden name was Cummings, came from Ireland. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burrows lived and died in Onedia Co. They were the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters. One son, John Burrows, lives in Boonville, N. Y.; also Mary, a maiden lady. William lives in Wisconsin; Andrew lives in Port Leyden, N. Y.; Nancy m. Joseph Carmichael and lives in Oneida Co., N. Y.; Sarah Ann m. Edward Witherstine and lives in Ogle Co., Ill.; Jane m. John Anderson and lives in Wisconsin.

WANTED—Parentage and ancestry of Daniel Bentley, who m. Lavinia Marble. He was born in Hartford, Conn., had a brother Fred'k, and was of the same line of descent as Adam and Hazard Bentley (born about 90 years ago), of Conn.

Of Wm. Bentley; b. about 1830 at Morpath, Ontario Co., Canada; m. 1858 Anna MacDonald. Had Geo. D.; b. 28 Aug., 1872, Algonac, Mich.; Robert and Maria. Wm.'s father was a Methodist minister.

Parentage of John Bentley, who m. Elizabeth Gardner, 30 May, 1727; and of Geo. Bentley, who m. Ruth Barber in 1724. They are in the same generation as the sons of Thomas, and I question if they were not sons of Thomas. They cannot be sons of Caleb (Thomas) mentioned by Rev. David Niles Bentley as brothers of

his father Ezekiel, as Ezekiel was b. 1737-8 and each of the above mentioned were m. before Ezekial was born. Geo. had a son John, who married in 1747.

Parentage and ancestry of Richard Harrison Bentley; born 1813 (not knowing place of birth), moved to Shelby Co., Ind., about 1840, where he d. 1891; m. Sophia Harden; had brothers, James of Galveston, Texas; Geo. lived and died in Iowa.

Wm. Northrop Bentley; b. after 1770, probably in Rhode Island; m. Rhoda Goodrich, who d. prior to 1846. Mr. Bentley was proprietor of a hotel at Lebanon Springs, Columbia Co., N. Y., but in advanced years removed to Chicago, Ills., where he d. in 1849. His children were William, Jr., Nancy, Maria Louise, Rhoda, Cyrus, Mary, Amelia, Frederick (order uncertain).

Son Cyrus; b. 15 Oct., 1819, at Lebanon Springs, Columbia Co., N. Y.; m. 6 Sept., 1853, at Rochester, N. Y., Anna Hammond Riley, b. 27 April, 1830, at Rochester (living, 1905), dau. of Ashbel W. Riley and Chariotte Stillson. Mr. Bentley was a lawyer; in politics, Republican, and in religion a Baptist. Removed from Rochester to Chicago in 1846 where he d. 23 June, 1888.

Had five children, viz.:

William; b. 1856, d. 1858.

Charlotte; b. 1858, d. unmarried, 1877.

Cyrus; b. 1861.

Anna R.; b. 1863, m, Geo. J. Dennis, 1899.

Frederick J.; b. 1866, m. Caroline Rice, 1892.

Cyrus Bentley; b. 1861.

Cyrus Bentley, a lawyer residing at Chicago, where he was m. 8 Jan'y, 1889, to Elizabeth King, b. at Chicago, 27 Sept., 1865 (dau. of Henry W. King and Aurelia R. Case). Have a son and dau.:

Margaret; b. 28 Aug., 1892.

Richard; b. 5 June, 1894.

Caleb Bentley of East Greenwich, m. Martha Foster, dau. of Thomas Foster of Warwick, 14 June, 1761.

Children recorded at East Greenwich, R. I.: Colonel, b. 1765; Arus: Elizabeth and Benjamin, b. 1772.

Colonel; b. 1765 at E. Greenwich, m. Hannah Allen, b. in town of Norwich, R. I.; had:

1. Benjamin Bentley; has two great grandsons, William and Benjamin Havaland, living at Flatbush, N. Y.

2. Stephen Bentley; one dau., Mrs. Helen Bunnell, Syracuse, N. Y.

3. Hannah Bentley Holcomb.

4. Joseph Bentley; a dau., Mrs. Mary J. Gaylord, resides at Waterville, N. Y., and Mr. Horace Bentley (deceased) late of Cassville, N. Y., was, I am told, a son or a grandson of Joseph.

5. Lucy Bentley Wheeler Budlong; has a son, Edwin H. Wheeler, living in Waterville, Onéida Co., N. Y.

6. Patty Bentley Leonard.

7. Lydia Bentley; m. Edwin Adams whose ancestors came from England in the "Fortune", 6 Nov., 1621; has a dau., Mrs. Sarah Adams Joslin, living in Frankfort, N. Y.

8. John Bentley; descendants reside at Rockford, Ills.

9. Sarah Bentley Webber.

10. Nancy Bentley.

11. Maria Bentley Burt.

12. Julia Ann Bentley Updike; and I think a son David whose dau., Miss Kate Bentley, resides at Marmora, Canada.

Colonel Bentley with his wife and family removed to Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., at which place both himself and wife died.

(Kindly given to be incorporated with "Bentley Gleanings," by William Witherstine, Herkimer, N. Y., a prominent young lawyer of the County Capitol, grandson of John Witherstine, of Revolutionary fame.)

They Fought in '76

Hitsory of the Witherstine Family and Their Descendants, Through Several Generations, Compiled by Wm. Witherstine.

In excavating for the foundation of the chapel of the Reformed church of this village, the remains of many of the old members of the church were taken out and removed to the Oak Hill and other cemeteries, and among those who joined the old church in the 18th century, and probably among the founders of the same were John Witherstine, John Adam Hartman and John Shell, soldiers and patriots of the Revolution, who fought not only for the independence of their country, but also to protect their homes from the savage red men who then infested this part of the country.

The remains of John Adam Hartman were taken by Mrs. Broomhall of Mohawk, a grand-daughter, and buried in the cemetery at Mohawk. The remains of John Shell were taken and buried in the old cemetery back of the Methodist church in this village, by Jacob Philo Shell, a grandson.

The remains of John Witherstine, and Margaret Cas-

ler his wife, and David Witherstine and Margaret Shell his first wife, and Henry Witherstine and Abram D. Witherstine, sons of David Witherstine, were taken up and buried in Oak Hill cemetery by Wm. Witherstine and Peter Witherstine, sons of David Witherstine.

Henrich, or Henry Witherstine, was born and married in Germany, and he and his wife emigrated to the Mohawk Valley some time in 1722. What his wife's maiden name was we do not know, but she endured many of the hardships of the earlier settlers of this valley. While out in the field one day at work alone, she was taken by the Indians and scalped and left unconscious, ans as the Indians supposed dead, but she revived and was taken home and lived many years thereafter to tell of her cruel experience, and the hardships endured by the earlier settlers of the Mohawk Valley. Henry and his son John had little sympathy for the Indians, and much less for the Englihs who were responsible for the many cruelties inflicted upon the inhabitants of this valley. Henry entered the Continental army, serving in several different regiments during the entire struggle, and while in many battles, yet like his son John he came out uninjured, and returned home there to spend the remainder of his days in peace and quietude.

John Witherstine, son of Henrich and a soldier of the Revolution, was born in the town of Herkimer on the 12th day of July, 1762. He was one of the sturdy farmers who came to this town to make a home for himself and family. He was used to the frontier life, and like many others of the farmers of that day, when he went out to cultivate his fields, he went with a hoe in one hand and a gun in the other, not knowing whether he would return alive again. After the declaration of war against England and while quite young he

entered the American Army and served with honor until the close of the war. He was in the 3rd Regiment of Continentals and was at Valley Forge with Washington, and was more fortunate in the supply of clothing than many others of his comrades. His mother made him a buckskin suit throughout, which he wore and which protected him from the cold and storms of that terrible winter.

This suit was brought home by him and kept for some time and finally made up in gloves and mittens. Where his gun is we do not know, but the bayonet which belonged to it is now in the possession of Dr. H. H. Witherstine, a grandson, of Rochester, Minn. It was used for many years for the purpose of shelling corn. Another relic in the shape of a little leather trunk, probably two hundred years old, and which came from Germany, is now in the possession of Mrs. Geo. W. Nellis, a grand-daughter.

John Witherstine married Margaret Casler, who died 16 June, 1848, aged 78 years, 4 months, 9 days, and they had ten children, John, Henry, Melchert, David, Abram, Catharine, Margaret, Anna, Elizabeth and Mary, all of whom are now dead. Mary joined the church in 1829, and was the wife of Abner Reed, of Watertown. Elizabeth married Jas. Stevens of Little Falls. Margaret united with the church in 1809. She married Frederick Folts, of Alder Creek. Catherine joined the church in 1803. She was the wife of George Fulmer of Columbia. Anna joined the church in 1807. She married Harvey Colvin.

John Witherstine, father of Edward and son of the old soldier, settled in Steuben, Oneida county, N. Y., married Catherine Harter and had twelve children:

1. Peter Witherstine; b. 15 July, 1812; d. 9 Jan., 1813.

2. Daniel; b. 12 Feb., 1814.

3. John; b. 11 March, 1816; m. in Alder Creek, Oneida Co., N. Y. in Feb., 1840, Sallie Rinkle; b. 16 April, 1828; d. in Copenhagan, Herkimer Co., N. Y. in 1848. Had one son who d. at the age of 8 years, in Steuben, N. Y.

4. Elizabeth; b. 10 May, 1818.

5. Wm.; b. 29 April, 1820; d. 8 Nov., 1903.

6. Edward; b. 29 Oct., 1822; d. 20 Sept., 1904 in town of Scott, Ogle Co., Ill.

7. Mary Ann; b. 11 April, 1825; d. 8 Aug., 1829.

8. Harry; b. 26 Feb., 1827.

9. Catherine; b. 13 June, 1829; d. 15 Nov. 1854.

10. Philip; b. 16 March, 1832; d. 16 July, 1833.

11. Ira; b. 16 May, 1834; living (1904.)

12. Frederick; b. 5 Oct., 1836; living (1904.)

(Item.)—Catharine Meyers, the mother of Catherine Herter, was born in a canoe while crossing the St. Lawrence River; captives, being taken over to Canada.

Melchert Witherstine was the father of four children, Christopher C., Joseph, Gaylord and George, the last two of whom are now dead. Christopher C. was the editor and proprietor of the Herkimer Democrat, of this village, for many years, and always has been a hard working, faithful and conscientious man in his business. He married Eveline Petrie and to them were born four children, Horatio P., Howard H., Louisa and Clara. Horatio P. is now the editor and proprietor of the Herkimer Democrat. He is also the Captain of the 31st Separate Co., of Mohawk, and it is through his indominitable perseverance and energy that this company now enjoys the distinction of being one of the best drilled and disciplined body of men in the State. He married Clara Caswell, daughter of Warren Caswell

of this village, and they have but one child, Wilbur C.

Joseph Witherstine is a merchant tailor, and has been in that business for many years at Mohawk, N. Y. He married Cornelia Hyde, and they had three children, all of whom are now dead.

Gaylord Witherstine was the father of three children, all of whom are now dead, except Dr. C. Sumner Witherstine of Philadelphia, who is a noted physician and writer on physiology and medicine of that city.

Abram Witherstine was born and always lived in Herkimer and united with the church in 1824. He married Eliza Foltz and they were the parents of five children, Frank, Mary, Lucy, Matilda and Lucinda, all of whom are now dead except Mary, who is the wife of William Palmer of this village. Lucy married George Small and they were the parents of George Small, the present assistant postmaster of this village. Mary and Matilda were members of the church.

David Witherstine was born in Hedkimer July 16th, 1802. He married for his first wife Margaret Shell, a daughter of John Shell. They had ten children, John, Peter, David, Abram, Henry, Elizabeth, Mary, Nancy, Melinda and Anna. He was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife both joined the church in 1723 and he was a member until his death April 8th, 1864. He was elected one of the deacons of the church in 1849, and in 1852 was elected an elder. In 1834 when the present church was built he was one of many who drew brick from Utica for the church, and helped largely with his time and means to build the same. On Feb. 5, 1835, at the first sale of the pews he purchased one and it was occupied by him and his family down to 1875, when the pews were taken out, and the inside of the church remodeled and new ones put in. His first wife died May 25th, 1844, aged 37 years, 6 months and 20 days, leav-

ing all the above named children, some of whom were quite young, and all of whom are now living except Henry and Abram.

David Witherstine married for his second wife, Margaret Petrie, a grand-daughter of Dr. William Petrie, one of the founders of the church. They had five children, Charles, Horace, William, Margaret and Martha, all of whom are now living except Charles, who died January 14th, 1879, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Horace was born April 14th, 1850. He went west in 1872 on account of trouble with his throat and lungs, and located at Rochester, Minn., where he fully recovered his health. He first taught school and after that began the study of medicine, and graduated from Rush Medical college of Chicago. He began the practice of medicine at Rochester, Minn., where he still is enjoying a large and lucrative practice. He was Mayor of the city for several terms, and afterwards elected to the State Senate, which position he filled with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. He married Amelia Hatfield and they now have four children, William, Vernon, Glen and Dorothy.

William was born September 25th, 1853 in Herkimer where he has always lived. He graduated from Fairfield Seminary in the spring of 1878, and after that taught school for some time when he entered upon the study of law, and was admitted to practice Oct. 10th, 1884, soon after which he opened an office in Herkimer where he is still practicing his profession. In 1892 he was elected President of the Village of Herkimer, and the following year Supervisor of the Town. He was also elected one of the members of the Board of Education of the village, which position he held for many

years, always taking a deep interest in the welfare of the public schools of the village. He was married to Mary H. Western, of Norway. Both are members of the church, having joined in 1882. In 1883 he was elected deacon, and in 1884 an elder of the church. They have two children, Charles J. and Emma.

Margaret was born Aug. 27, 1855, and married Jacob Small, son of John J. Small. They have six children, Ruby, May, Nancy, Jas., Charles and Dorothy. Mrs. Small is a member of this church.

Martha was born in Herkimer on the 23rd day of August 1858. She married David C. Wood and they now have three children, Leland, Raymond and Walter. Mrs. Wood joined the church in 1881.

John married Nancy Harter and they were the parents of two children, Henry, and Mary who married Geo. W. Mack of this village.

Peter married Cynthia Small and three children, Eugene, Margaret and Fred, were born to them. Margaret married Mortimer Sager of Moravia, and they had one child Grace, who still lives with her father, her mother and Eugene having both died. Fred is still living with his father and mother in this village, and is a jeweler by trade, and keeps a jewelry store in Herkimer. He married Pearl Simpson of Peoria, Ill., and they have two children, Donald and Margaret. Peter Witherstine has lived in Herkimer during most of his lifetime. He was a wagon maker and ran a wagon shop in this village for many years.

David married Chlorinda Christman, daughter of Leman Christman, and they have two children, Fannie and Homer, who married Nettie Hall of this village.

Henry died August 22nd., 1846 at the age of 19 years.

Abram married Lucinda Nellis and they had three

children, Hattie, Edward and Adam, all of whom are now living. He enlisted and went into the army in 1862, but was taken sick and returned home where he died Aug. 22nd, 1862.

Elizabeth married Malcomb Christman, to whom were born six children, Walter, Herman, Webster, Helen, Mary and Ada, all of whom are now living.

Mary married Jacob Nellis, both of whom joined the church in 1858, and in 1867 Jacob Nellis was elected a deacon of the church. They had three children, Charles, Harvey and Martha, all of whom are now living.

Nancy married Adam Small. They had three children, Byron, Mary and Edward. Mary is now dead. Byron married Sarah Walsh and has now one child. Edward is now unmarried, and is foreman of the Herkimer Democrat printing office, in which office he learned his trade, and by faithful service has been promoted to the position he now occupies. Nancy Small joined the church in 1854.

Melinda married George W. Nellis, both of whom were members of the church, Melinda having joined in 1854 and George W. in 1863. They had six children Irving O., Byron D., Clara M., George W., Jr., Emma E., and Walter W., the last two of whom are now dead. Irving O. graduated from the University of Vermont, in June, 1882 with the honor of marshal of his class. He was elected coroner of this county in 1883 and again in 1889 and is one of the sewer commissioners of this village. He is now a practicing physician of this village. He married Jennie Pierce, and they have two children, Mary I. and Walter. The Dr. is a member of the Episcopal church.

Byron D. graduated from the Vermont University, is also a prominent physician and now practicing at

Weedsport, N. Y. He married Ada Casler. They have no children.

George W. Nellis, Jr., entered the office of the Herkimer Democrat in 1883 where he learned his trade. In 1887 he established the Herkimer County Record, of which he is now the successful editor and proprietor. He married Anna Post of Middleville, and they now have one boy, Aubrey. Geo. W. Nellis, Jr., and Clara M. Nellis are members of the First Baptist church in this village.

Anna married Jacob Christman and they have only one child, Cora, who lives with them on their farm about a mile north of this village.

We find by referring to the church records and other documents that the name has been spelled in various ways in the past. Probably the correct German spelling is "Wiederstein" as we find it in the church records, but we also find it "Wetherstone." In recent days however we see it spelled only "Witherstine."

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